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Labour Force Statistics ◆ January 2006

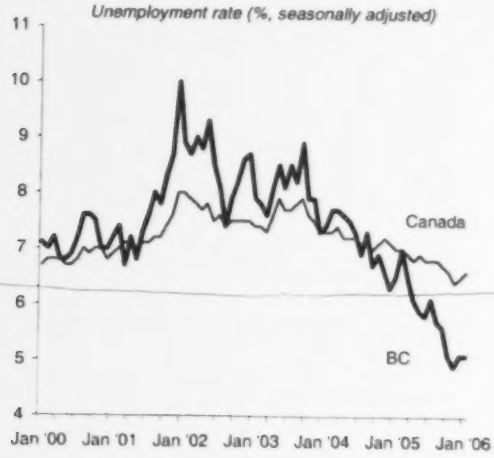
HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

Unemployment rate stays at 5.1% in January

British Columbia's unemployment rate held steady at 5.1% *(seasonally adjusted)* in January. There was little change in overall labour market conditions, with the number of jobs remaining at about 2.167 million and the size of the labour force edging up only marginally (+0.1%) from December. Residents of the province continued to enjoy one of the best job markets in the country. BC's unemployment rate was well below the national average (6.6%) and lower than in any other province except Alberta (3.5%) and Manitoba (4.3%).

BC's unemployment rate well below national average



Gains in service sector offset by cutbacks in goods industries

The number of people with jobs showed little change for the second month in a row, as employment gains in the service sector (+0.8%) were offset by a reduction in the number of people working in goods industries (-3.0%). Manufacturing (-1.0%) and construction (-6.7%), the biggest employers in the goods sector (accounting for eight out of every ten jobs), had fewer workers on their payrolls in January. The number of jobs in agriculture slipped back (-13.6%) after soaring in December, but forestry, fishing & mining (+11.5%) and utilities (+17.8%) took on more workers.

In the service sector, job growth was most pronounced in the management & administration (+8.0%), transportation & warehousing (+4.9%) and education (+4.0%) industries, as well as miscellaneous services (+5.6%). Employment in health care & social assistance (-3.5%) continued to decline, and overall job growth was also tempered by cutbacks in information, culture & recreation (-3.3%) and accommodation & food services (-0.6%).

More women, fewer men with jobs

There were more women (+0.9%) but fewer men (-0.6%) in the labour force in January, and women (+0.8%) were also more likely to have found work than were men (-0.8%). This gender gap reflects the job losses that occurred in the traditionally male-dominated goods industries, while service industries, which are more likely to hire women, were taking on more staff. Although women benefited more from increased employment opportunities in January, men (5.0%) were still less likely to be unemployed than were women (5.3%).

The ranks of the self-employed fell 4.6%, while the number of people with paid employment increased 1.1%. Most of the job gains were in

the public sector (+3.7%), although private sector employment also expanded (+0.5%) in January. The number of full-time workers increased 0.4%, but there were 1.6% fewer people with part-time work.

The unemployment rate for 15-24 year olds was quite low, dropping to 7.6%. Among those who were 25 and older, the rate was 4.7%.

Jobless rate lowest in Northeast, highest in North Coast/Nechako

Among the regions, Northeast (3.7%[1], *3-month-moving average, unadjusted*) continued to have the lowest unemployment rate in the province, while neighbouring North Coast/Nechako (9.4%) had the highest incidence of unemployment. Kootenay's jobless rate (6.4%) was also high compared to other regions. Cariboo (5.8%) and Vancouver Island/Coast (5.4%) were the only other regions where the rate was more than five percent. Job markets on the Island remained polarized, with Victoria continuing to benefit from one of the lowest unemployment rates in the province while Nanaimo (8.7%) and other parts of the region were not doing as well. The unemployment rate in Mainland/Southwest was 4.6%; in Thompson/Okanagan, it was 4.1%.

Jobless rates in every region of the province were well below January 2005 levels, in most cases as a result of strong job growth. Kootenay and North Coast/Nechako were the exceptions: in these regions, the unemployment rate was lower because job losses were not as great as the reduction in the size of the labour force during the twelve-month period ending in January.

Vancouver's unemployment rate climbs, but Victoria sees continued improvement

Vancouver's unemployment rate rose to 5.4% *(seasonally adjusted)* in January, as the number of people with jobs dropped 2.2% to 1.145 million. Abbotsford's unemployment rate fell, going from 5.6% in December to 5.0% last month. In Victoria, the job market remained robust, and the unemployment rate continued to improve. It was 3.6% in January, the second-lowest rate observed since 1987 (the first year for which data is available). Victoria's lowest jobless rate (2.4%) was recorded just a few months ago, in June 2005.

The National Scene

The Canadian jobless rate inched up 0.1 percentage points to 6.6% in January, as unemployment rates increased in Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland. In Manitoba, the rate edged up 0.1 points, but it was flat or declined in the rest of the country.

Selected Statistics	Jan-06	Dec-05	Jan-05
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.1	6.5
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.5	7.0
BC Employment ('000)	2,167	2,167	2,102
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.6	65.8
January % change in employment relative to:	-	0.0	3.1
January % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.1	1.6

NOTE: On January 25th, 2006, Statistics Canada released revised *Labour Force Survey* estimates for January 1987 through December 2005.

[1]Estimate by BC Stats using Statistics Canada data

1 Summary for January 2006--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current January 2006		Previous Month December 2005		One Year Ago January 2005		Change from December 2005		Change from January 2005	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3483.8		3478.3		3418.1		0.2%		1.9%	
Labour Force ('000)	2252.5	2284.5	2267.7	2282.9	2216.7	2248.9	-0.7%	0.1%	1.6%	1.6%
Employment ('000)	2122.5	2166.9	2168.6	2167.1	2058.0	2102.4	-2.1%	0.0%	3.1%	3.1%
Unemployment ('000)	130.0	117.6	99.0	115.8	158.8	146.5	31.3%	1.6%	-18.1%	-19.7%
Employment Rate[1]	60.9%	62.2%	62.3%	62.3%	60.2%	61.5%				
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.1%	4.4%	5.1%	7.2%	6.5%				
Participation Rate	64.7%	65.6%	65.2%	65.6%	64.9%	65.8%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,020.0		25,986.9		25,623.4		0.1%		1.5%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,179.1	17,473.5	17,287.9	17,429.9	16,952.2	17,255.0	-0.6%	0.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Employment ('000)	15,949.1	16,321.0	16,228.1	16,294.7	15,678.1	16,051.7	-1.7%	0.2%	1.7%	1.7%
Unemployment ('000)	1,230.0	1,152.5	1,059.9	1,135.2	1,274.1	1,203.3	16.0%	1.5%	-3.5%	-4.2%
Employment Rate[1]	61.3%	62.7%	62.4%	62.7%	61.2%	62.6%				
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	6.6%	6.1%	6.5%	7.5%	7.0%				
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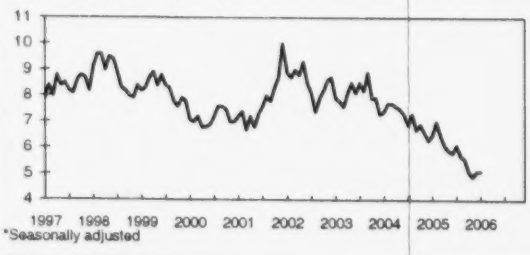

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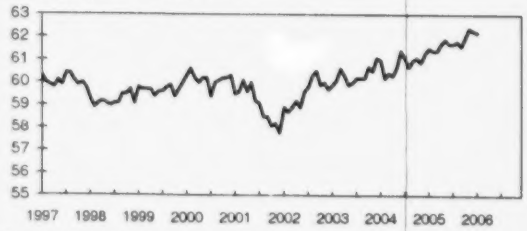

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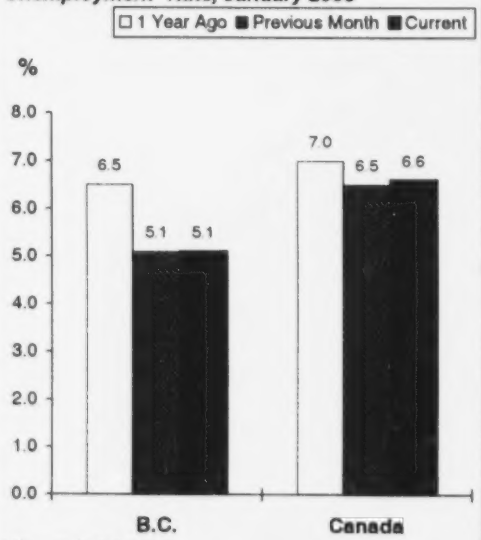

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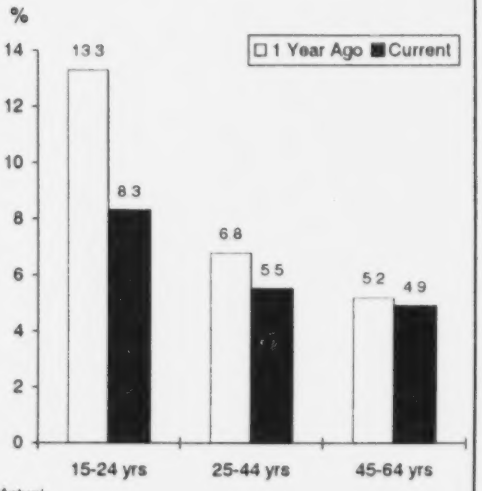

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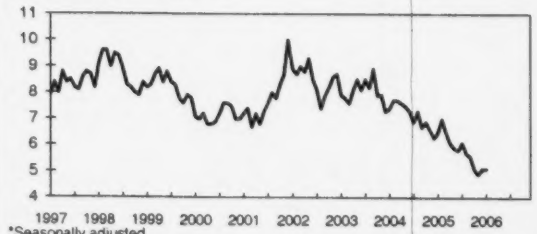

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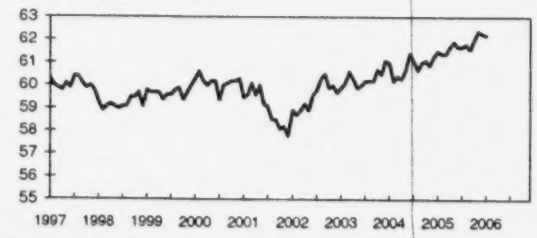

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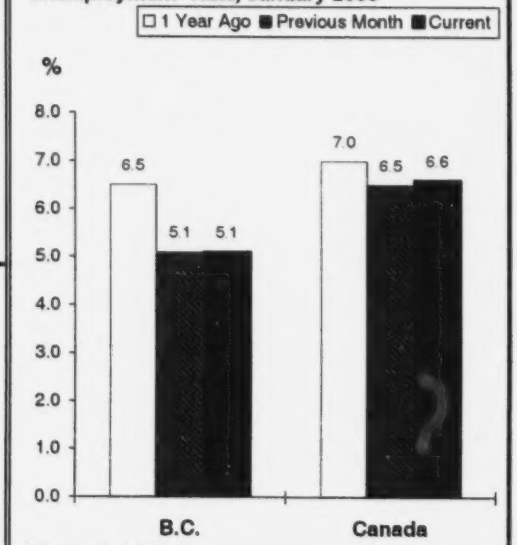

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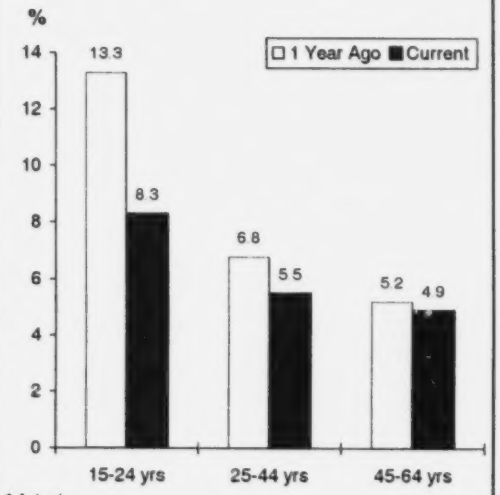

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2 B Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual																	
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Seasonally Adjusted									
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)	Labour Force ('000)	% Chg*	Employed ('000)	% Chg*	Unemployed ('000)	% Chg*	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
1996	1,988.4		1,816.4		172.0		8.7	65.6								
1997	2,030.6	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	170.1	-1.1	8.4	65.5								
1998	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	8.8	64.9								
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1								
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8								
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0								
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1								
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6								
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5								
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6								
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*										
2005 Jan	2,216.7	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	158.8	-11.1	7.2	64.9	2,248.9		2,102.4		146.5		6.5	65.8
Feb	2,241.2	2.9	2,069.8	3.7	171.4	-5.8	7.6	65.5	2,261.6	0.6	2,103.1	0.0	158.5	8.2	7.0	66.1
Mar	2,229.5	1.9	2,080.6	3.2	149.0	-13.3	6.7	65.0	2,250.9	-0.5	2,104.5	0.1	146.4	-7.6	6.5	65.6
Apr	2,231.1	2.3	2,092.4	3.9	138.7	-17.5	6.2	65.0	2,254.1	0.1	2,116.9	0.6	137.1	-6.4	6.1	65.7
May	2,274.9	2.0	2,138.3	3.9	136.6	-20.4	6.0	66.1	2,263.8	0.4	2,130.7	0.7	133.0	-3.0	5.9	65.8
Jun	2,284.7	0.7	2,159.2	2.1	125.5	-18.9	5.5	66.3	2,255.4	-0.4	2,123.8	-0.3	131.6	-1.1	5.8	65.5
Jul	2,307.1	1.7	2,161.4	2.6	145.7	-10.1	6.3	66.9	2,266.7	0.5	2,128.8	0.2	138.0	4.9	6.1	65.7
Aug	2,313.1	1.6	2,166.7	3.5	146.4	-19.8	6.3	66.9	2,266.6	0.0	2,137.0	0.4	129.7	-6.0	5.7	65.6
Sep	2,259.0	1.6	2,142.7	2.7	116.3	-15.2	5.1	65.2	2,259.5	-0.3	2,132.4	-0.2	127.2	-1.9	5.6	65.3
Oct	2,264.9	1.4	2,160.9	3.3	104.0	-26.4	4.6	65.3	2,264.4	0.2	2,148.7	0.8	115.7	-9.0	5.1	65.3
Nov	2,271.2	2.7	2,168.0	4.5	103.2	-24.5	4.5	65.4	2,280.3	0.7	2,169.0	0.9	111.4	-3.7	4.9	65.7
Dec	2,267.7	2.3	2,168.6	3.6	99.0	-19.9	4.4	65.2	2,282.9	0.1	2,167.1	-0.1	115.8	3.9	5.1	65.6
2006 Jan	2,252.5	1.6	2,122.5	3.1	130.0	-18.1	5.8	64.7	2,284.5	0.1	2,166.9	0.0	117.6	1.6	5.1	65.6
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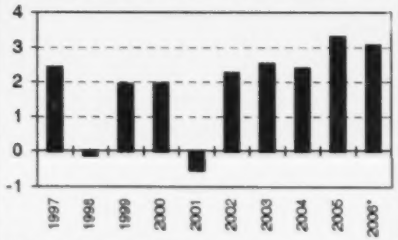
Jan-Jan06	2,252.5		2,122.5		130.0		5.8	64.7	2,284.5		2,166.9		117.6		5.1	65.6
% Change	1.6		3.1		-18.1				1.6		3.1		-19.7			

% Change in Employment, Annual Avg



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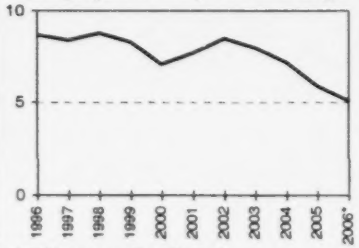

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3a Employment ('000) by Province

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1,816.4	1,405.1	456.8	517.4	5,167.1	3,129.8	305.5	376.9	58.9	187.5	13,421.4
1997	1,860.5	1,451.4	466.2	525.6	5,291.4	3,172.8	309.1	382.0	58.8	188.3	13,706.0
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2005 Jan	2,058.0	1,740.5	473.4	567.9	6,217.0	3,599.5	332.9	426.8	62.8	199.3	15,678.1
Feb	2,069.8	1,748.6	476.3	573.6	6,259.3	3,622.4	333.6	425.3	63.3	197.2	15,769.2
Mar	2,080.6	1,755.7	479.6	569.6	6,247.3	3,620.5	333.6	427.6	63.7	201.5	15,779.8
Apr	2,092.4	1,754.0	476.3	570.6	6,312.6	3,645.9	336.6	434.3	63.5	200.1	15,886.3
May	2,138.3	1,800.7	495.0	587.0	6,458.2	3,698.3	359.9	454.3	70.6	214.6	16,277.0
Jun	2,159.2	1,813.8	498.0	589.4	6,505.1	3,796.3	364.0	457.7	73.3	232.6	16,489.5
Jul	2,161.4	1,814.9	497.3	589.0	6,486.1	3,837.8	368.3	458.3	73.9	242.0	16,529.0
Aug	2,166.7	1,811.9	492.3	587.0	6,507.5	3,814.1	367.7	460.9	73.9	226.3	16,508.5
Sep	2,142.7	1,786.4	480.2	581.8	6,419.5	3,761.0	357.0	443.4	70.9	221.6	16,264.6
Oct	2,160.9	1,791.5	479.9	582.9	6,473.4	3,759.0	351.2	447.1	69.7	215.9	16,331.4
Nov	2,168.0	1,796.6	479.1	583.4	6,459.9	3,734.3	351.7	441.0	67.2	214.0	16,295.1
Dec	2,168.6	1,798.6	474.5	581.9	6,427.1	3,718.2	349.9	439.8	65.9	203.5	16,228.1
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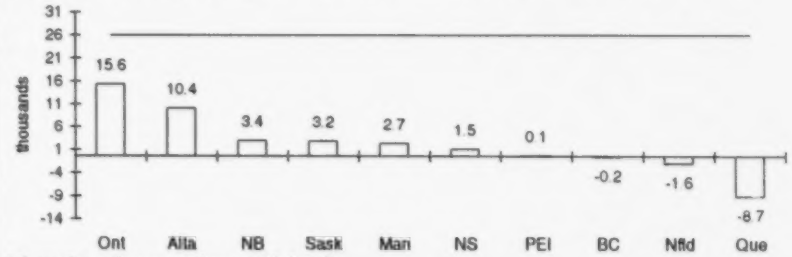
Jan-Jan05	2,058.0	1,740.5	473.4	567.9	6,217.0	3,599.5	332.9	426.8	62.8	199.3	15,678.1
Jan-Jan06	2,122.5	1,780.2	470.8	574.1	6,337.6	3,639.1	342.9	425.0	63.0	193.9	15,949.1
% Change	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7

Employment Change('000), January 2006*

Line represents Canada at 26.3



** Current month over previous month (saadj)*

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	2,102.4	1,771.8	486.5	579.7	6,327.1	3,705.2	349.9	444.9	68.7	215.5	16,051.7
Feb	2,103.1	1,773.4	487.5	582.7	6,343.5	3,704.3	351.1	442.7	68.8	213.5	16,070.6
Mar	2,104.5	1,777.0	488.8	575.9	6,347.6	3,695.6	349.8	442.3	68.5	216.0	16,065.9
Apr	2,116.9	1,778.6	485.0	576.3	6,378.9	3,695.9	351.4	444.3	68.2	212.5	16,107.9
May	2,130.7	1,783.2	486.0	579.6	6,405.9	3,668.7	355.1	447.5	67.9	211.8	16,136.2
Jun	2,123.8	1,778.6	484.7	579.4	6,406.0	3,704.6	348.0	443.1	67.2	215.7	16,151.2
Jul	2,128.8	1,787.9	484.1	581.5	6,398.8	3,723.1	349.7	442.0	68.1	216.4	16,180.4
Aug	2,137.0	1,787.0	481.8	580.2	6,405.4	3,737.2	349.1	444.0	67.7	211.8	16,201.1
Sep	2,132.4	1,783.5	478.3	579.3	6,425.7	3,728.8	347.6	438.9	68.1	214.1	16,196.6
Oct	2,148.7	1,793.5	478.8	580.5	6,449.9	3,743.7	347.3	443.1	68.2	214.2	16,267.9
Nov	2,169.0	1,796.7	481.0	584.3	6,446.8	3,745.6	351.9	442.3	68.7	217.2	16,303.4
Dec	2,167.1	1,799.8	479.7	583.6	6,433.4	3,755.0	355.3	441.3	68.6	210.9	16,294.7
2006 Jan	2,166.9	1,810.2	482.9	586.3	6,449.0	3,746.3	358.7	442.8	68.7	209.3	16,321.0
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Jan-Jan05	2,102.4	1,771.8	486.5	579.7	6,327.1	3,705.2	349.9	444.9	68.7	215.5	16,051.7
Jan-Jan06	2,166.9	1,810.2	482.9	586.3	6,449.0	3,746.3	358.7	442.8	68.7	209.3	16,321.0
% Change	3.1	2.2	-0.7	1.1	1.9	1.1	2.5	-0.5	0.0	-2.9	1.7

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1.7	2.9	-0.3	0.2	1.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	3.0	-3.5	0.9
1997	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4	2.1
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2005 Jan	2.5	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.2	4.0	0.6	1.3
Feb	3.7	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.3	4.3	-0.6	1.5
Mar	3.2	1.6	3.1	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.6	1.4
Apr	3.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.1	1.6	1.0	3.9	-0.3	1.2
May	3.9	1.9	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.6	2.1	1.3	2.5	-1.6	1.4
Jun	2.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.6	1.9	0.0	1.0
Jul	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.6	0.9	1.2	-0.4	-1.2	1.7	-1.1	1.2
Aug	3.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.6	-1.0	0.5	1.0	-1.9	1.5
Sep	2.7	0.7	-0.5	0.3	1.7	0.9	-1.6	-1.4	0.7	1.0	1.3
Oct	3.3	1.8	-1.2	0.1	1.8	1.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.3	1.0	1.6
Nov	4.5	1.7	-1.0	0.6	1.8	1.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	3.2	1.7
Dec	3.6	1.9	-1.3	0.5	1.4	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.0	-2.1	1.6
2006 Jan	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7
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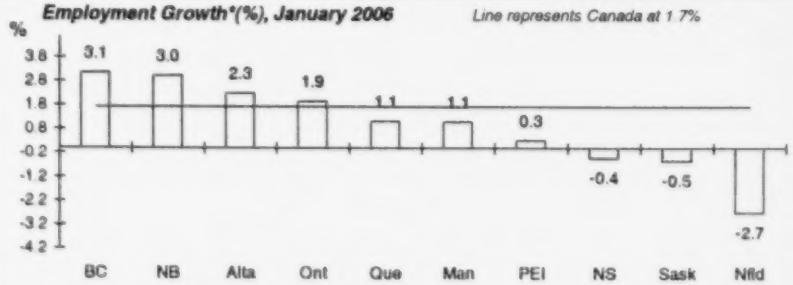
Employment Growth*(%), January 2006

Line represents Canada at 1.7%



* Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.1
Mar	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.0
Apr	0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	-0.4	-1.6	0.3
May	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.2
Jun	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.8	0.1
Jul	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
Aug	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	-2.1	0.1
Sep	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.6	1.1	0.0
Oct	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Nov	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
Dec	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-0.1
2006 Jan	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.8	0.2

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

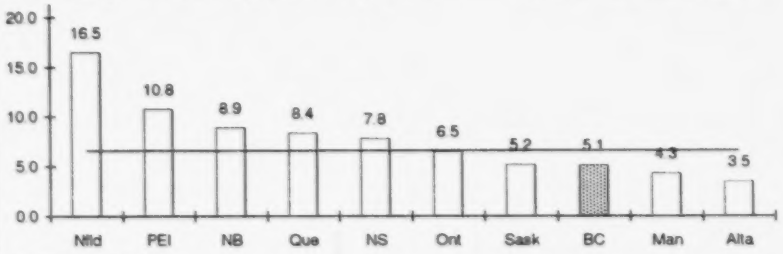
4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	8.7	6.9	6.7	7.3	9.0	11.9	11.6	12.4	14.7	19.1	9.6
1997	8.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	8.4	11.4	12.7	12.2	15.4	18.4	9.1
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8

Unemployment Rates*(%), January 2006

Line represents Canada at 6.6%



*Seasonally adjusted

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	7.2	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.7	9.5	11.2	9.9	14.1	16.5	7.5
Feb	7.6	4.2	5.5	5.4	7.0	9.0	10.6	10.7	13.0	17.2	7.5
Mar	6.7	3.5	5.5	5.5	7.3	8.9	10.6	9.8	13.0	16.9	7.4
Apr	6.2	4.2	5.5	5.1	6.6	8.5	11.2	9.2	15.0	18.8	7.0
May	6.0	3.6	4.3	4.7	7.2	8.5	9.6	7.8	9.5	16.7	7.0
Jun	5.5	3.4	4.2	4.3	6.6	7.4	9.0	7.7	7.8	12.5	6.3
Jul	6.3	3.7	4.9	4.7	7.3	7.9	9.3	7.7	9.1	12.1	6.9
Aug	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.4	7.4	8.3	9.2	7.0	8.7	15.2	7.1
Sep	5.1	3.7	5.5	4.4	6.1	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	13.2	6.2
Oct	4.6	3.8	4.7	4.1	5.9	7.7	9.7	7.7	9.1	13.9	6.1
Nov	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.5	7.9	8.6	8.1	10.6	14.7	6.0
Dec	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.2	5.6	8.3	9.1	8.0	12.1	15.8	6.1
2006 Jan	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2
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Jan-Jan05	7.2	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.7	9.5	11.2	9.9	14.1	16.5	7.5
Jan-Jan06	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	6.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	10.5	14.6	7.0
Feb	7.0	4.0	4.9	4.9	6.8	8.2	9.3	9.8	10.3	15.4	7.0
Mar	6.5	3.6	5.1	5.2	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.4	10.3	15.0	6.9
Apr	6.1	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.7	8.0	9.3	8.4	10.6	16.1	6.8
May	5.9	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.8	8.6	8.9	7.8	10.8	15.3	6.9
Jun	5.8	3.9	4.9	4.8	6.7	8.1	9.9	8.8	11.9	14.0	6.8
Jul	6.1	3.6	4.8	4.7	6.7	8.3	9.8	8.0	11.1	14.5	6.8
Aug	5.7	3.9	5.3	4.6	6.7	8.3	9.7	7.5	11.3	16.6	6.8
Sep	5.6	4.1	6.0	4.8	6.3	8.3	10.6	8.6	11.4	15.5	6.7
Oct	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.5	6.4	8.3	10.9	8.6	11.2	15.2	6.6
Nov	4.9	4.2	5.2	4.1	6.1	8.0	9.4	8.3	10.7	14.8	6.4
Dec	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.2	6.2	8.2	9.6	8.5	11.1	15.4	6.5
2006 Jan	5.1	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	7.8	10.8	16.5	6.6
Jan-Jan05	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	6.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	10.5	14.6	7.0
Jan-Jan06	5.1	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	7.8	10.8	16.5	6.6

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Source: Statistics Canada

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

	Actual											Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	60.0	67.3	61.0	61.6	59.7	54.6	51.8	52.0	56.4	42.3	58.4											
1997	60.0	67.8	62.2	62.3	60.2	55.0	52.1	52.5	55.9	42.9	58.9											
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7											
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6											
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3											
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1											
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7											
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4											
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7											
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7											
2005 Jan	60.2	68.8	63.3	64.1	62.3	58.5	54.7	56.2	56.5	46.3	61.2	61.5	70.0	65.1	65.5	63.4	60.3	57.4	58.6	61.8	50.1	62.6
Feb	60.5	69.0	63.7	64.7	62.6	58.9	54.8	56.0	56.9	45.8	61.5	61.4	70.0	65.2	65.8	63.4	60.2	57.6	58.3	61.8	49.6	62.6
Mar	60.7	69.2	64.1	64.2	62.4	58.8	54.7	56.3	57.2	46.8	61.4	61.4	70.0	65.3	64.9	63.4	60.0	57.4	58.2	61.5	50.2	62.6
Apr	60.9	69.0	63.6	64.3	63.0	59.1	55.2	57.1	57.0	46.5	61.8	61.7	70.0	64.8	64.9	63.6	59.9	57.6	58.5	61.2	49.4	62.6
May	62.2	70.7	66.1	66.1	64.3	59.9	59.0	59.8	63.3	49.9	63.2	61.9	70.0	64.9	65.3	63.8	59.4	58.2	58.9	60.9	49.3	62.7
Jun	62.7	71.1	66.5	66.3	64.6	61.4	59.7	60.2	65.7	54.2	63.9	61.7	69.7	64.7	65.2	63.7	60.0	57.0	58.3	60.3	50.2	62.6
Jul	62.7	71.0	66.4	66.2	64.4	62.1	60.3	60.3	66.2	56.4	64.0	61.7	69.9	64.7	65.4	63.5	60.2	57.3	58.1	61.0	50.4	62.7
Aug	62.7	70.7	65.7	66.0	64.4	61.6	60.2	60.5	66.2	52.7	63.8	61.8	69.7	64.3	65.2	63.4	60.4	57.2	58.3	60.6	49.3	62.7
Sep	61.9	69.6	64.1	65.4	63.5	60.7	58.4	58.2	63.5	51.6	62.8	61.6	69.5	63.9	65.1	63.5	60.2	56.9	57.6	61.0	49.9	62.6
Oct	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.5	63.9	60.6	57.4	58.7	62.3	50.3	63.0	62.0	69.7	63.9	65.2	63.7	60.3	56.8	58.2	61.0	49.9	62.7
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.0	65.5	63.7	60.1	57.5	57.9	60.1	49.8	62.8	62.4	69.6	64.3	65.6	63.6	60.3	57.6	58.1	61.4	50.6	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.5	63.4	65.4	63.3	59.8	57.2	57.7	58.8	47.4	62.4	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.6	63.4	60.4	58.1	57.9	61.3	49.1	62.7
2006 Jan	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3	62.2	69.7	64.6	65.9	63.4	60.2	58.7	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.7
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Jan-Jan06	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3	62.2	69.7	64.6	65.9	63.4	60.2	58.7	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.7

Employment Rates*(%), January 2006

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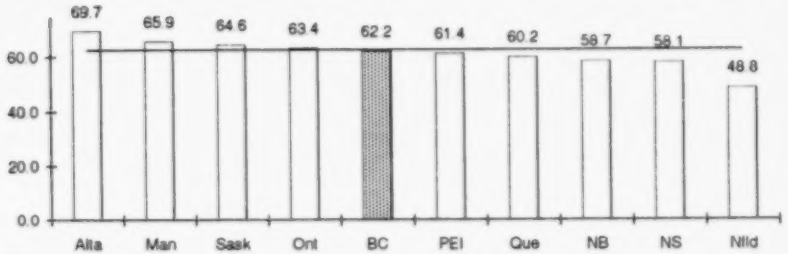

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Source: Statistics Canada

5a Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	533.8	306.8	996.1	26.0	48.8	20.7	96.4	131.6	450.7	231.1	820.3	18.9	40.3	16.0	75.6	271.0	984.5	537.9	1,816.4	44.9	89.1	36.7	172.0
1997	137.5	536.4	318.4	1,007.4	27.8	47.1	20.3	96.0	133.0	461.9	249.3	853.0	20.7	36.1	16.9	74.1	270.6	998.3	567.6	1,860.5	48.6	83.1	37.2	170.1
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2005 Jan	140.8	506.2	412.8	1,088.3	27.6	37.3	21.2	87.3	153.0	449.5	356.8	969.7	17.5	32.5	21.2	71.4	293.8	955.7	769.6	2,058.0	45.1	69.8	42.4	158.8
Feb	147.6	507.1	412.4	1,092.1	26.4	38.7	27.3	93.1	155.4	443.2	363.4	977.7	19.3	32.8	25.6	78.3	303.0	950.3	775.8	2,069.8	45.7	71.5	52.9	171.4
Mar	146.0	512.2	414.2	1,097.1	23.6	34.5	23.4	82.6	155.9	445.0	367.2	983.5	16.2	31.5	18.7	66.4	301.9	957.2	781.4	2,080.6	39.8	66.0	42.1	149.0
Apr	148.6	508.8	418.4	1,104.2	22.2	27.7	24.6	75.6	151.6	449.3	371.3	988.2	16.3	28.7	18.0	63.1	300.2	958.1	789.7	2,092.4	38.5	56.5	42.6	138.7
May	169.0	516.6	423.7	1,138.7	19.5	26.0	20.9	67.2	165.6	456.2	359.6	999.7	25.8	24.9	18.8	69.4	334.6	972.8	783.2	2,138.3	45.3	50.9	39.7	136.6
Jun	175.2	520.4	424.7	1,150.1	20.9	22.8	20.2	64.7	173.8	458.0	360.8	1,009.1	18.5	26.8	15.4	60.7	349.0	978.4	785.5	2,159.2	39.4	49.6	35.6	125.5
Jul	190.0	516.5	422.2	1,157.6	27.2	23.5	24.3	75.8	180.0	457.3	348.0	1,003.8	24.2	24.9	20.4	69.9	370.0	973.7	770.2	2,161.4	51.4	48.4	44.7	145.7
Aug	184.9	517.8	423.9	1,153.6	22.3	25.8	23.0	71.2	181.8	457.9	353.7	1,013.2	19.0	29.0	26.6	75.1	366.7	975.7	777.6	2,166.7	41.3	54.8	49.7	146.4
Sep	171.3	511.2	434.1	1,141.3	16.2	21.1	20.7	58.3	158.9	460.9	363.4	1,001.4	14.7	22.4	20.5	58.1	330.2	972.1	797.5	2,142.7	30.9	43.5	41.3	116.3
Oct	175.0	508.3	439.5	1,147.8	15.5	22.5	16.8	55.9	168.5	467.5	360.6	1,013.1	12.8	19.2	15.0	48.1	343.4	975.7	800.1	2,160.9	28.3	41.7	31.8	104.0
Nov	173.7	513.8	437.3	1,148.9	10.7	21.6	16.8	51.8	171.5	466.6	365.9	1,019.1	9.7	23.8	17.0	51.4	345.2	980.5	803.2	2,168.0	20.4	45.5	33.8	103.2
Dec	175.8	518.6	429.9	1,146.7	11.6	23.3	17.9	54.2	171.8	476.3	359.4	1,021.9	11.0	15.8	16.8	44.9	347.6	994.9	789.3	2,168.6	22.6	39.1	34.7	99.0
2006 Jan	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
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Jan-Jan05	140.8	506.2	412.8	1,088.3	27.6	37.3	21.2	87.3	153.0	449.5	356.8	969.7	17.5	32.5	21.2	71.4	293.8	955.7	769.6	2,058.0	45.1	69.8	42.4	158.8
Jan-Jan06	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
% Change	13.8	0.0	2.5	2.3	-38.0	-19.0	-10.4	-21.5	8.2	4.0	1.2	4.1	-30.3	-16.6	0.0	-13.9	10.9	1.9	1.9	3.1	-34.8	-18.1	-5.4	-18.1

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5b Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	92.3	79.5	72.9	15.7	8.4	6.3	8.8	62.2	78.3	60.4	58.5	12.6	8.2	6.5	8.4	63.8	85.3	70.0	65.6	14.2	8.3	6.4	8.7
1997	63.7	91.9	79.2	72.1	16.8	8.1	6.0	8.7	61.6	78.3	62.5	59.1	13.5	7.2	6.3	8.0	62.6	85.1	70.8	65.5	15.2	7.7	6.1	8.4
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2005 Jan	58.4	91.6	78.9	69.9	16.4	6.9	4.9	7.4	61.5	79.6	67.2	59.9	10.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	59.9	85.6	73.0	64.9	13.3	6.8	5.2	7.2
Feb	60.2	92.0	79.7	70.4	15.2	7.1	6.2	7.9	63.0	78.7	69.0	60.7	11.0	6.9	6.6	7.4	61.5	85.3	74.3	65.5	13.1	7.0	6.4	7.6
Mar	58.6	92.1	79.1	70.0	13.9	6.3	5.3	7.0	61.9	78.7	68.2	60.2	9.4	6.6	4.8	6.3	60.2	85.3	73.6	65.0	11.6	6.5	5.1	6.7
Apr	58.9	90.4	79.9	69.9	13.0	5.2	5.6	6.4	60.4	78.9	68.7	60.2	9.7	6.0	4.6	6.0	59.6	84.6	74.2	65.0	11.4	5.6	5.1	6.2
May	65.0	91.4	79.9	71.3	10.3	4.8	4.7	5.6	68.8	79.4	66.5	61.2	13.5	5.2	5.0	6.5	66.8	85.3	73.2	66.1	11.9	5.0	4.8	6.0
Jun	67.5	91.5	79.8	71.7	10.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	69.0	80.0	66.0	61.1	9.6	5.5	4.1	5.7	68.2	85.7	72.8	66.3	10.1	4.8	4.3	5.5
Jul	74.6	90.9	79.9	72.7	12.5	4.4	5.4	6.1	73.2	79.5	64.4	61.3	11.8	5.2	5.5	6.5	73.9	85.1	72.1	66.9	12.2	4.7	5.5	6.3
Aug	71.0	91.5	79.7	72.1	10.8	4.7	5.1	5.8	71.8	80.3	66.3	62.0	9.5	6.0	7.0	6.9	71.4	85.8	72.9	66.9	10.1	5.3	6.0	6.3
Sep	64.1	89.6	80.9	70.4	8.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	62.0	79.7	66.8	60.2	8.5	4.6	5.3	5.5	63.1	84.6	73.7	65.2	8.6	4.3	4.9	5.1
Oct	65.0	89.3	81.0	70.6	8.1	4.2	3.7	4.6	64.6	80.2	65.1	60.2	7.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	64.8	84.7	73.0	65.3	7.6	4.1	3.8	4.6
Nov	62.9	90.0	80.4	70.3	5.8	4.0	3.7	4.3	64.5	80.8	66.2	60.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.8	63.7	85.3	73.2	65.4	5.6	4.4	4.0	4.5
Dec	63.8	91.0	79.1	70.2	6.2	4.3	4.0	4.5	65.1	81.0	64.9	60.4	6.0	3.2	4.5	4.2	64.4	86.0	71.9	65.2	6.1	3.8	4.2	4.4
2006 Jan	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8
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Jan-Jan05	58.4	91.6	78.9	69.9	16.4	6.9	4.9	7.4	61.5	79.6	67.2	59.9	10.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	59.9	85.6	73.0	64.9	13.3	6.8	5.2	7.2
Jan-Jan06	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5c Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	856.8	996.1	26.0	70.4	96.4	131.6	688.7	820.3	18.9	56.7	75.6	271.0	1,545.4	1,816.4	44.9	127.1	172.0
1997	137.5	869.9	1,007.4	27.8	68.2	96.0	133.0	720.0	853.0	20.7	53.3	74.1	270.6	1,589.9	1,860.5	48.6	121.5	170.1
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2005 Jan	152.7	965.3	1,118.1	25.6	52.7	78.4	159.7	824.6	984.3	17.1	51.1	68.2	312.4	1,790.0	2,102.4	42.7	103.8	146.5
Feb	157.7	957.2	1,114.9	24.8	57.4	82.2	161.0	827.2	988.2	20.8	55.6	76.4	318.7	1,784.4	2,103.1	45.6	113.0	158.5
Mar	154.5	960.9	1,115.4	23.8	53.1	76.9	162.3	826.8	989.1	18.9	50.6	69.5	316.8	1,787.7	2,104.5	42.7	103.7	146.4
Apr	156.3	965.4	1,121.7	23.7	48.4	72.1	159.4	835.8	995.3	16.8	48.3	65.1	315.7	1,801.2	2,116.9	40.5	96.6	137.1
May	167.2	966.2	1,133.4	17.8	47.3	65.1	161.9	835.4	997.3	23.5	44.4	67.9	329.1	1,801.6	2,130.7	41.3	91.7	133.0
Jun	165.8	963.6	1,129.3	21.9	45.9	67.7	167.9	826.6	994.5	18.1	45.8	63.9	333.7	1,790.2	2,123.8	39.9	91.7	131.6
Jul	169.8	958.8	1,128.6	21.5	52.8	74.3	167.1	833.1	1,000.2	18.0	45.7	63.7	336.9	1,791.9	2,128.8	39.5	98.5	138.0
Aug	167.3	959.7	1,127.0	20.1	48.2	68.3	169.3	840.6	1,010.0	15.4	46.0	61.4	336.6	1,800.3	2,137.0	35.5	94.2	129.7
Sep	174.8	957.4	1,132.2	17.2	50.8	68.0	163.9	836.3	1,000.1	14.4	44.7	59.2	338.7	1,793.7	2,132.4	31.6	95.6	127.2
Oct	176.4	963.4	1,139.8	17.7	48.3	66.0	171.5	837.4	1,008.9	13.4	36.3	49.7	348.0	1,800.7	2,148.7	31.1	84.6	115.7
Nov	176.4	974.0	1,150.4	12.8	44.1	57.0	172.5	846.1	1,018.6	12.1	42.3	54.4	348.9	1,820.1	2,169.0	24.9	86.4	111.4
Dec	177.3	976.7	1,154.0	14.2	44.7	59.0	170.6	842.5	1,013.1	16.3	40.6	56.8	347.9	1,819.1	2,167.1	30.5	85.3	115.8
2006 Jan	173.8	971.4	1,145.2	15.8	44.1	59.9	172.0	849.7	1,021.7	12.8	45.0	57.7	345.8	1,821.1	2,166.9	28.5	89.1	117.6
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Jan-Jan05	152.7	965.3	1,118.1	25.6	52.7	78.4	159.7	824.6	984.3	17.1	51.1	68.2	312.4	1,790.0	2,102.4	42.7	103.8	146.5
Jan-Jan06	173.8	971.4	1,145.2	15.8	44.1	59.9	172.0	849.7	1,021.7	12.8	45.0	57.7	345.8	1,821.1	2,166.9	28.5	89.1	117.6
% Change	13.8	0.6	2.4	-38.3	-16.3	-23.6	7.7	3.0	3.8	-25.1	-11.9	-15.4	10.7	1.7	3.1	-33.3	-14.2	-19.7

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	74.5	72.9	15.7	7.6	8.8	55.1	68.8	66.5	62.2	57.8	58.5	12.6	7.6	8.4	54.4	53.4	53.6	63.8	66.0	65.6	14.2	7.6	8.7	54.7	61.0	60.0
1997	63.7	73.9	72.1	16.8	7.3	8.7	52.9	68.5	65.8	61.6	58.6	59.1	13.5	6.9	8.0	53.3	54.6	54.4	62.6	66.1	65.5	15.2	7.1	8.4	53.1	61.4	60.0
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2005 Jan	61.8	73.1	71.2	14.3	5.2	6.6	52.9	69.3	66.5	63.8	60.0	60.6	9.7	5.8	6.5	57.6	56.5	56.7	62.8	66.4	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.2	62.8	61.5
Feb	63.2	72.8	71.1	13.6	5.7	6.9	54.6	68.7	66.2	65.5	60.4	61.2	11.4	6.3	7.2	58.0	56.6	56.8	64.3	66.4	66.1	12.5	6.0	7.0	56.3	62.5	61.4
Mar	61.6	72.6	70.7	13.4	5.2	6.4	53.4	68.8	66.1	65.2	59.9	60.7	10.4	5.8	6.6	58.4	56.4	56.8	63.3	66.1	65.6	11.9	5.5	6.5	55.8	62.5	61.4
Apr	62.1	72.5	70.7	13.2	4.8	6.0	53.9	69.0	66.4	63.4	60.3	60.8	9.5	5.5	6.1	57.3	57.0	57.0	62.7	66.2	65.7	11.4	5.1	6.1	55.6	62.9	61.7
May	63.7	72.3	70.9	9.6	4.7	5.4	57.6	69.0	67.0	66.6	59.9	60.9	12.7	5.0	6.4	58.2	56.8	57.1	65.1	66.0	65.8	11.2	4.8	5.9	57.9	62.8	61.9
Jun	64.5	71.9	70.7	11.7	4.5	5.7	57.0	68.7	66.7	66.7	59.5	60.5	9.7	5.2	6.0	60.2	56.2	56.8	65.6	65.5	65.5	10.7	4.9	5.8	58.6	62.3	61.7
Jul	65.7	72.0	70.9	11.2	5.2	6.2	58.3	68.2	66.5	66.3	59.6	60.7	9.7	5.2	6.0	59.9	56.5	57.1	66.0	65.6	65.7	10.5	5.2	6.1	59.1	62.2	61.7
Aug	64.2	71.6	70.3	10.7	4.8	5.7	57.4	68.2	66.3	66.1	60.0	61.0	8.3	5.2	5.7	60.6	56.9	57.5	65.1	65.7	65.6	9.5	5.0	5.7	58.9	62.4	61.8
Sep	65.7	71.5	70.5	9.0	5.0	5.7	59.8	67.9	66.5	63.7	59.6	60.2	8.1	5.1	5.6	58.5	56.5	56.9	64.7	65.4	65.3	8.5	5.1	5.6	59.2	62.1	61.6
Oct	66.2	71.6	70.7	9.1	4.8	5.5	60.2	68.2	66.8	65.9	59.0	60.1	7.2	4.2	4.7	61.1	56.5	57.3	66.1	65.1	65.3	8.2	4.5	5.1	60.7	62.2	62.0
Nov	64.5	71.9	70.7	6.8	4.3	4.7	60.2	68.8	67.3	65.7	59.9	60.8	6.6	4.8	5.1	61.4	57.0	57.7	65.1	65.8	65.7	6.7	4.5	4.9	60.8	62.8	62.4
Dec	65.2	72.0	70.9	7.4	4.4	4.9	60.4	68.9	67.4	66.5	59.4	60.6	8.7	4.6	5.3	60.7	56.7	57.3	65.9	65.6	65.6	8.1	4.5	5.1	60.6	62.6	62.3
2006 Jan	64.6	71.5	70.3	8.3	4.3	5.0	59.2	68.4	66.8	65.7	60.1	61.0	6.9	5.0	5.3	61.2	57.1	57.7	65.1	65.7	65.6	7.6	4.7	5.1	60.2	62.6	62.2
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Average:																											
Jan-Jan05	61.8	73.1	71.2	14.3	5.2	6.6	52.9	69.3	66.5	63.8	60.0	60.6	9.7	5.8	6.5	57.6	56.5	56.7	62.8	66.4	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.2	62.8	61.5
Jan-Jan06	64.6	71.5	70.3	8.3	4.3	5.0	59.2	68.4	66.8	65.7	60.1	61.0	6.9	5.0	5.3	61.2	57.1	57.7	65.1	65.7	65.6	7.6	4.7	5.1	60.2	62.6	62.2

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1996	887.4	108.8	996.1	10.9	563.4	256.8	820.3	31.3	1,450.8	365.6	1,816.4	20.1
1997	893.5	113.9	1,007.4	11.3	580.2	272.8	853.0	32.0	1,473.7	386.7	1,860.5	20.8
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
	seasonally adjusted											
2005 Jan	1,002.2	115.9	1,118.1	10.4	685.5	298.8	984.3	30.4	1,687.7	414.7	2,102.4	19.7
Feb	992.0	122.9	1,114.9	11.0	683.1	305.1	988.2	30.9	1,675.1	428.0	2,103.1	20.4
Mar	985.5	129.9	1,115.4	11.6	686.6	302.5	989.1	30.6	1,672.1	432.4	2,104.5	20.5
Apr	999.7	121.9	1,121.7	10.9	682.3	313.0	995.3	31.4	1,682.0	435.0	2,116.9	20.5
May	1,009.7	123.8	1,133.4	10.9	692.5	304.8	997.3	30.6	1,702.2	428.5	2,130.7	20.1
Jun	985.7	143.6	1,129.3	12.7	685.2	309.2	994.5	31.1	1,670.9	452.9	2,123.8	21.3
Jul	995.9	132.7	1,128.6	11.8	702.7	297.4	1,000.2	29.7	1,698.6	430.1	2,128.8	20.2
Aug	990.1	136.9	1,127.0	12.1	699.1	310.9	1,010.0	30.8	1,689.2	447.8	2,137.0	21.0
Sep	997.4	134.8	1,132.2	11.9	691.9	308.2	1,000.1	30.8	1,689.4	443.0	2,132.4	20.8
Oct	1,006.7	133.1	1,139.8	11.7	694.6	314.3	1,008.9	31.2	1,701.3	447.4	2,148.7	20.8
Nov	1,018.1	132.3	1,150.4	11.5	708.0	310.6	1,018.6	30.5	1,726.1	442.9	2,169.0	20.4
Dec	1,027.5	126.5	1,154.0	11.0	702.1	311.0	1,013.1	30.7	1,729.6	437.5	2,167.1	20.2
2006 Jan	1,018.7	126.5	1,145.2	11.0	717.8	303.9	1,021.7	29.7	1,736.5	430.4	2,166.9	19.9
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jan05	1,002.2	115.9	1,118.1	10.4	685.5	298.8	984.3	30.4	1,687.7	414.7	2,102.4	19.7
Jan-Jan06	1,018.7	126.5	1,145.2	11.0	717.8	303.9	1,021.7	29.7	1,736.5	430.4	2,166.9	19.9
% Change	1.6	9.1	2.4		4.7	1.7	3.8		2.9	3.8	3.1	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7a Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		408.2		30.7		55.1		10.3		192.8		119.3	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	54.0	-2.0	9.9	-3.9	196.2	1.8	123.1	3.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	51.3	-5.0	11.1	12.1	195.9	-0.2	117.2	-4.8
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
	seasonally adjusted													
2005 Jan	2,102.4		458.9		39.6		37.5		8.1		209.4		164.3	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	460.6	0.4	40.4	2.0	38.7	3.2	9.5	17.3	206.7	-1.3	165.5	0.7
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	449.2	-2.5	39.5	-2.2	36.1	-6.7	10.2	7.4	199.5	-3.5	164.0	-0.9
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	455.5	1.4	40.7	3.0	40.1	11.1	10.4	2.0	196.1	-1.7	168.3	2.6
May	2,130.7	0.7	452.0	-0.8	38.6	-5.2	41.4	3.2	12.9	24.0	194.3	-0.9	164.9	-2.0
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	450.4	-0.4	39.2	1.6	40.5	-2.2	13.3	3.1	191.4	-1.5	166.0	0.7
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	458.4	1.8	42.6	8.7	35.3	-12.8	13.0	-2.3	199.6	4.3	167.9	1.1
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	447.6	-2.4	37.9	-11.0	37.1	5.1	11.2	-13.8	192.6	-3.5	168.8	0.5
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	443.6	-0.9	35.6	-6.1	35.8	-3.5	10.3	-8.0	195.5	1.5	166.3	-1.5
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	443.2	-0.1	36.7	3.1	37.0	3.4	9.7	-5.8	192.7	-1.4	167.1	0.5
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	457.3	3.2	34.3	-6.5	35.0	-5.4	8.2	-15.5	207.1	7.5	172.7	3.4
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	457.0	-0.1	39.6	15.5	36.4	4.0	7.3	-11.0	193.4	-6.6	180.4	4.5
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	443.2	-3.0	34.2	-13.6	40.6	11.5	8.6	17.8	191.4	-1.0	168.3	-6.7
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Average:														
Jan-Jan05	2,102.4		458.9		39.6		37.5		8.1		209.4		164.3	
Jan-Jan06	2,166.9		443.2		34.2		40.6		8.6		191.4		168.3	
% Change	3.1		-3.4		-13.6		8.3		6.2		-8.6		2.4	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.*

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Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Community and Personal Service: Education		Community and Personal Service: Health & Social Services		Community and Personal Service: Accommod., Food & Bev.		Community and Personal Service: Other Service		Public Administration	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		108.2		118.4		183.3		140.8		235.9		106.1	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	112.1	3.6	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	243.2	3.1	100.7	-5.1
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	122.8	9.5	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	253.2	4.1	93.8	-6.9
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
	seasonally adjusted																			
2005 Jan	1,643.5		114.9		321.4		128.3		155.9		139.1		220.4		177.1		292.7		93.8	
Feb	1,642.5	-0.1	113.5	-1.2	322.2	0.2	130.9	2.0	161.7	3.7	143.3	3.0	218.9	-0.7	166.8	-5.8	291.1	-0.5	93.9	0.1
Mar	1,655.3	0.8	114.2	0.6	328.0	1.8	137.3	4.9	163.1	0.9	143.5	0.1	216.4	-1.1	166.0	-0.5	292.1	0.3	94.8	1.0
Apr	1,661.4	0.4	110.7	-3.1	323.2	-1.5	131.7	-4.1	167.2	2.5	149.2	4.0	213.7	-1.2	178.5	7.5	292.1	0.0	95.3	0.5
May	1,678.7	1.0	119.0	7.5	329.1	1.8	134.9	2.4	167.3	0.1	149.2	0.0	208.3	-2.5	177.2	-0.7	290.7	-0.5	103.1	8.2
Jun	1,673.4	-0.3	118.1	-0.8	321.4	-2.3	139.8	3.6	171.5	2.5	151.4	1.5	209.7	0.7	173.3	-2.2	292.0	0.4	96.3	-6.6
Jul	1,670.4	-0.2	124.0	5.0	323.4	0.6	135.6	-3.0	163.8	-4.5	153.9	1.7	211.9	1.0	179.5	3.6	283.3	-3.0	95.1	-1.2
Aug	1,689.4	1.1	122.9	-0.9	338.4	4.6	137.0	1.0	164.3	0.3	149.5	-2.9	220.2	3.9	174.3	-2.9	286.6	1.2	96.2	1.2
Sep	1,688.8	0.0	124.9	1.6	342.4	1.2	127.4	-7.0	158.1	-3.8	148.3	-0.8	220.7	0.2	177.4	1.8	294.7	2.8	94.9	-1.4
Oct	1,705.5	1.0	121.6	-2.6	359.8	5.1	129.2	1.4	159.6	0.9	139.9	-5.7	225.1	2.0	178.9	0.8	298.6	1.3	92.8	-2.2
Nov	1,711.7	0.4	120.8	-0.7	353.1	-1.9	131.9	2.1	166.6	4.4	142.0	1.5	225.7	0.3	178.6	-0.2	301.8	1.1	91.2	-1.7
Dec	1,710.0	-0.1	118.4	-2.0	351.4	-0.5	131.1	-0.6	164.5	-1.3	146.1	2.9	218.2	-3.3	181.4	1.6	305.1	1.1	93.8	2.9
2006 Jan	1,723.7	0.8	124.2	4.9	352.0	0.2	128.0	-2.4	166.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	210.6	-3.5	180.3	-0.6	312.7	2.5	97.4	3.8
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Jan-Jan05	1,643.5		114.9		321.4		128.3		155.9		139.1		220.4		177.1		292.7		93.8	
Jan-Jan06	1,723.7		124.2		352.0		128.0		166.5		152.0		210.6		180.3		312.7		97.4	
% Change	4.9		8.1		9.5		-0.2		6.8		9.3		-4.4		1.8		6.8		3.8	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.*

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Source: Statistics Canada

8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1996	186.0	3.3	327.0	3.7	98.5	4.0	91.1	2.3	143.9	3.1	56.8	5.3	460.6	7.2	297.1	9.1	71.9	14.5	83.5	8.4	1,816.4	8.7
1997	180.0	2.9	339.9	3.7	103.1	3.3	97.9	1.8	141.8	3.4	56.3	6.5	477.7	5.8	311.6	7.1	68.9	15.5	83.3	8.3	1,860.5	8.4
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2005 Jan	184.5	2.5	375.6	3.0	129.2	3.5	124.2	1.5	159.2	2.6	64.8	7.7	543.4	6.7	311.8	8.4	59.5	15.6	105.8	4.9	2,058.0	7.2
Feb	186.8	2.5	379.5	2.8	126.7	5.0	122.4	1.1	166.8	3.1	58.4	2.0	546.4	7.0	320.1	6.8	62.7	14.9	100.0	7.0	2,069.8	7.6
Mar	177.6	2.8	385.4	2.4	125.3	2.2	111.4	1.2	176.3	3.3	66.2	2.5	551.6	6.1	325.0	6.0	64.6	11.1	97.1	7.9	2,080.6	6.7
Apr	190.2	2.6	375.6	3.3	139.5	1.7	110.0	1.5	172.3	2.5	65.8	1.9	552.9	4.5	322.8	5.5	69.0	10.7	94.4	8.9	2,092.4	6.2
May	183.4	2.9	401.0	3.5	139.3	3.7	104.6	0.9	180.4	1.3	65.8	5.7	558.1	4.3	332.8	3.9	76.9	9.4	96.0	5.6	2,138.3	6.0
Jun	176.7	2.5	391.2	3.7	142.4	3.7	115.7	1.7	182.4	0.7	78.3	4.6	556.5	3.2	342.6	3.4	83.4	6.8	90.1	9.0	2,159.2	5.5
Jul	187.1	2.9	394.2	3.3	142.9	2.3	119.0	0.4	161.2	4.0	69.0	8.6	556.2	4.6	349.1	3.2	84.9	5.8	97.9	6.8	2,161.4	6.3
Aug	189.7	1.4	390.8	4.1	144.8	2.0	122.9	0.8	163.1	5.7	69.0	7.8	562.3	5.3	344.8	3.6	83.1	7.3	96.2	4.1	2,166.7	6.3
Sep	193.2	2.6	384.2	2.0	139.3	2.3	129.2	1.0	172.4	2.1	70.0	4.9	559.3	3.7	329.0	3.4	73.0	9.3	93.0	5.3	2,142.7	5.1
Oct	207.4	2.4	377.2	2.6	126.0	3.0	124.8	1.3	179.6	1.4	81.3	4.7	571.5	3.4	325.3	3.6	77.0	6.0	90.8	4.9	2,160.9	4.6
Nov	220.9	1.4	366.1	2.9	136.3	3.8	126.8	1.4	175.3	1.6	84.1	3.3	567.2	4.0	333.8	2.8	59.5	10.1	97.9	2.9	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	218.2	1.3	374.7	1.8	141.7	2.3	112.4	1.1	179.5	2.3	83.2	2.9	570.3	3.3	332.6	3.8	61.8	10.2	94.2	5.2	2,168.6	4.4
2006 Jan	205.8	2.0	374.7	2.8	150.6	2.5	112.6	2.0	175.6	1.1	77.9	4.9	563.0	4.3	322.9	6.0	56.5	14.1	82.8	7.9	2,122.5	5.8
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Jan-Jan05	184.5	2.5	375.6	3.0	129.2	3.5	124.2	1.5	159.2	2.6	64.8	7.7	543.4	6.7	311.8	8.4	59.5	15.6	105.8	4.9	2,058.0	7.2
Jan-Jan06	205.8	2.0	374.7	2.8	150.6	2.5	112.6	2.0	175.6	1.1	77.9	4.9	563.0	4.3	322.9	6.0	56.5	14.1	82.8	7.9	2,122.5	5.8
% Change	11.5		-0.2		16.6		-9.3		10.3		20.2		3.6		3.6		-5.0		-21.7		3.1	

NOTES: *1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.*

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1996	1,816.4	8.7	946.5	7.9	142.7	8.6	62.7	11.4	308.7	9.4	1071.4	8.2	200.3	10.5	65.8	8.7	86.2	8.6	51.7	7.5	32.3	7.2
1997	1,860.5	8.4	966.4	8.2	149.8	7.6	68.2	8.0	322.0	8.7	1098.9	8.2	206.1	8.3	65.3	9.3	83.3	9.8	51.8	9.0	33.1	4.6
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1,216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1,251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2005 Jan	2,075.5	6.3	1,136.1	6.0	162.2	5.1	75.3	6.9	335.8	7.0	1,275.2	6.0	233.9	5.7	71.5	7.8	81.3	6.9	44.5	9.6	33.4	4.9
Feb	2,073.8	6.8	1,141.0	6.3	162.6	5.3	74.2	7.1	334.8	7.8	1,278.7	6.3	233.1	6.7	68.9	8.7	80.1	8.1	43.9	10.0	34.5	4.4
Mar	2,069.4	7.2	1,142.3	6.7	163.0	5.6	75.8	6.4	331.3	8.6	1,284.1	6.6	229.9	6.6	68.0	7.9	77.8	9.8	43.3	11.5	35.0	4.9
Apr	2,080.9	6.8	1,146.1	6.3	165.6	4.9	76.7	5.9	334.6	7.9	1,292.3	6.3	229.8	6.3	68.8	8.1	76.1	10.5	43.9	10.2	35.5	4.1
May	2,103.8	6.3	1,151.6	6.1	169.0	4.1	77.5	5.8	341.7	6.5	1,301.8	6.1	234.3	5.7	69.5	6.3	76.0	9.5	45.1	8.7	35.4	5.6
Jun	2,130.0	5.9	1,156.8	6.0	171.3	3.5	77.7	5.8	351.5	5.2	1,308.8	5.9	240.9	5.5	70.0	5.1	76.7	9.6	46.7	7.2	35.3	5.4
Jul	2,153.0	5.9	1,161.3	6.3	172.9	3.6	78.7	5.7	357.4	5.4	1,315.9	6.2	246.8	5.2	70.0	4.0	79.4	7.6	48.3	6.8	35.2	5.1
Aug	2,162.4	6.0	1,160.2	6.5	173.6	4.1	79.1	4.9	361.8	5.7	1,316.5	6.3	248.9	5.3	70.4	5.2	80.3	7.0	50.0	5.7	34.6	4.4
Sep	2,156.9	5.9	1,154.4	6.2	173.2	4.7	79.1	5.3	359.8	6.4	1,310.8	6.1	252.5	4.9	70.3	6.3	81.0	5.4	49.3	5.7	33.3	4.3
Oct	2,156.8	5.4	1,152.1	5.4	173.4	4.7	79.3	4.8	360.9	5.9	1,308.1	5.3	254.5	4.9	71.1	5.7	81.8	5.1	47.6	6.1	32.7	4.4
Nov	2,157.2	4.8	1,160.8	4.5	171.2	4.4	80.1	5.2	356.5	5.7	1,316.8	4.5	252.4	4.4	70.8	5.2	83.4	4.8	45.2	6.8	32.1	4.5
Dec	2,165.9	4.5	1,169.5	4.1	169.4	4.0	80.7	4.9	357.4	5.3	1,325.6	4.2	252.6	4.1	68.4	5.4	84.9	4.8	43.5	7.6	33.5	NA
2006 Jan	2,153.1	4.9	1,163.0	4.5	167.0	4.0	81.1	5.5	356.0	5.4	1,318.7	4.6	250.3	4.1	66.8	6.4	84.7	5.8	42.4	9.4	34.2	NA
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Jan-Jan05	2,058.0	7.2	1,135.1	6.7	160.5	5.9	74.1	7.5	330.2	8.3	1,272.6	6.6	232.6	6.9	66.3	8.3	78.8	10.0	43.6	10.3	33.7	7.2
Jan-Jan06	2,122.5	5.8	1,133.9	5.6	166.1	4.3	81.8	6.2	356.9	5.8	1,289.6	5.7	248.9	4.7	66.2	7.2	83.4	7.7	42.3	10.9	35.2	NA
% Change	3.1		-0.1		3.5		10.4		8.1		1.3		7.0		-0.2		5.8		-3.0		4.5	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		1,489.5		332.1		1,157.4		326.9	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	1,500.4	0.7	336.2	1.2	1,164.2	0.6	360.1	10.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	1,474.6	-1.7	333.7	-0.7	1,140.8	-2.0	383.8	6.6
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
	seasonally adjusted									
2005 Jan	2,102.4		1,697.9		367.2		1,330.7		404.5	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	1,694.3	-0.2	370.2	0.8	1,324.2	-0.5	408.8	1.1
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	1,689.6	-0.3	355.5	-4.0	1,334.0	0.7	414.9	1.5
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	1,702.7	0.8	365.5	2.8	1,337.2	0.2	414.2	-0.2
May	2,130.7	0.7	1,736.3	2.0	376.7	3.1	1,359.6	1.7	394.5	-4.8
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	1,717.8	-1.1	379.7	0.8	1,338.0	-1.6	406.0	2.9
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	1,708.9	-0.5	376.9	-0.7	1,332.0	-0.4	419.9	3.4
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	1,718.8	0.6	373.8	-0.8	1,345.0	1.0	418.1	-0.4
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	1,713.0	-0.3	368.8	-1.3	1,344.2	-0.1	419.3	0.3
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	1,715.4	0.1	367.7	-0.3	1,347.7	0.3	433.3	3.3
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	1,743.9	1.7	367.2	-0.1	1,376.7	2.2	425.1	-1.9
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	1,736.6	-0.4	368.8	0.4	1,367.8	-0.6	430.5	1.3
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	1,756.3	1.1	382.3	3.7	1,374.0	0.5	410.7	-4.6
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Dec										
Average:										
Jan-Jan05	2,102.4		1,697.9		367.2		1,330.7		404.5	
Jan-Jan06	2,166.9		1,756.3		382.3		1,374.0		410.7	
% Change	3.1		3.4		4.1		3.3		1.5	

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Source: Statistics Canada

Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Anne Kittredge at (250)387-0374 or Anne.Kittredge@gems6.gov.bc.ca.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC STATS on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations

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HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

Jobless rate reaches a new thirty-year low...
British Columbia's unemployment rate fell to a new low of 4.8% (*seasonally adjusted*) in February, with 9,000 net new jobs added to the economy, an increase of 0.4%. The labour force, which measures the number of people either working or looking for work, was virtually unchanged (+600 people) from January.

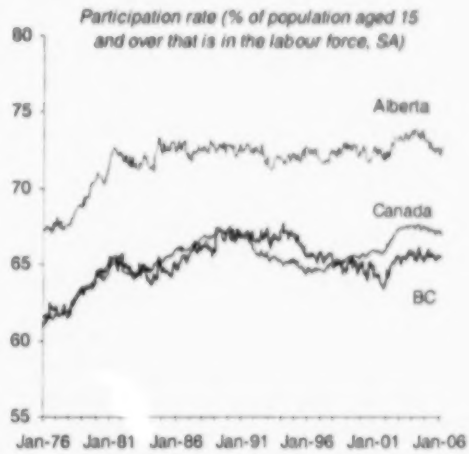
During the last twelve months, BC has shaved 2.2 percentage points off its unemployment rate. Nova Scotia (-1.4 percentage points) was the only other region to see its jobless rate fall more than one percent during the twelve month period ending in February.

At 4.8%, BC's unemployment rate was at a thirty year low in February. This was also the case in Alberta, where the rate fell to 3.1%, less than half the national average of 6.4%. Even though the incidence of joblessness in the country as a whole was higher than in the west, the Canadian unemployment rate was also the lowest it has been since 1976, the first year for which Labour Force Survey data is published.

...approaching the natural rate of unemployment
In the west, where rates range from 3.1% in Alberta to 5.3% in Saskatchewan, the jobless rate is approaching the natural rate of unemployment, which has traditionally been pegged at about four percent. The natural rate of unemployment is the rate that would prevail in an economy where the labour market is in balance: not facing any pressures either from a lack of workers or from an excess supply of people looking for work. There will always be some people who are looking for work either because they are temporarily between jobs or because the work that they have been doing is no longer in demand (for example, if there has been a change in technology, consumer preferences and tastes or barriers to trade), and the four percent figure reflects this.

When the unemployment rate falls below the natural rate, employers may face cost pressures as they compete for scarce workers by offering them higher wages, which can create inflationary pressures in the economy. This is almost certainly happening in Alberta, where the jobless rate has been at or below four percent for about a year. If BC's unemployment rate continues to fall, employers in this province may find themselves in a similar position as the supply of available workers declines.

Participation rate still lower than Canadian average



Selected Statistics	Feb-06	Jan-06	Feb-05
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.1	7.0
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.6	7.0
BC Employment ('000)	2,176	2,167	2,103
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.5	65.6	66.1
February % change in employment relative to:	-	0.4	3.5
February % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.0	1.0

BC's participation rate, which fell below the national average in 1998, edged down in February. Although the long-run decline in participation rates which began in the 1990s has been reversed, the gap between the Canadian (67.0%) and BC (65.5%) rates does not appear to be closing. BC currently has the fourth-lowest participation rate in the country, while Alberta remains the province with the biggest share of its population (72.8%) in the work force.

Employment growth concentrated in goods sector

Goods producing industries hired more workers in February, with employment climbing 4.0%. The manufacturing sector, which had shed workers in the previous two months, hired 6.7% more people. Construction companies (+3.0%) also took on more workers. However, there were fewer jobs in forestry, fishing & mining (-3.4%) and in the utilities (-7.0%) industry. Employment also edged down (-0.5%) in the service sector, where six industries trimmed their payroll lists. Information, culture & recreation (-9.2%) and miscellaneous services (-5.8%) posted particularly large declines.

There were fewer full-time (-1.3%), but more part-time (+7.5%) jobs in February. Self-employment slipped 0.4%, and the number of public sector workers contracted 2.5%. However, there were 1.5% more jobs in the private sector.

The unemployment rate for young people (aged 15-24) remained stable at 7.6%. The youth unemployment rate has improved remarkably during the last three years: it peaked at 17.2% in November 2002, but has been falling since the summer of 2003.

Mixed conditions in the regions

Unemployment rates were below February 2005 levels in all regions of the province. North Coast/Nechako (*9.7%, three-month moving average, unadjusted*) posted the biggest 12-month decline (-6.6 percentage points). In the rest of the province, rates ranged from a low of 3.1% in Northeast[1] to 7.2% in Kootenay.

However, labour market conditions in the regions were mixed. There were fewer jobs in North Coast/Nechako (-4.8%) and Kootenay (-4.4%), but the labour force in both of these regions shrank even more (-5.1% and -6.0%, respectively), so the unemployment rate fell despite the job losses. Vancouver Island/Coast (+7.8%) and Thompson/Okanagan (+7.1%) saw substantial job growth during this period, more than enough to absorb similarly strong increases (+5.0% and +5.2%, respectively) in the size of the labour force.

Victoria's unemployment rate (3.8%, *seasonally adjusted*) was well below the provincial average, as was Abbotsford's (3.1%). In the Vancouver CMA, the jobless rate was 4.5%.

The National Scene

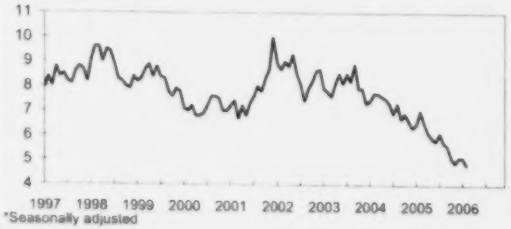
Canada's unemployment rate edged down to 6.4% as employment increased slightly (+0.2%) while the number of people in the labour force inched down 0.1%. Job gains were concentrated in BC (+0.4%) and Alberta (+1.4%).

[1] BC Stats estimate, calculated using data supplied by Statistics Canada

1 Summary for February 2006--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current February 2006		Previous Month January 2006		One Year Ago February 2005		Change from January 2006		Change from February 2005	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3487.9		3483.8		3423.2		0.1%		1.9%	
Labour Force ('000)	2260.2	2285.1	2252.5	2284.5	2241.2	2261.6	0.3%	0.0%	0.8%	1.0%
Employment ('000)	2141.7	2175.9	2122.5	2166.9	2069.8	2103.1	0.9%	0.4%	3.5%	3.5%
Unemployment ('000)	118.5	109.2	130.0	117.6	171.4	158.5	-8.8%	-7.1%	-30.9%	-31.1%
Employment Rate[1]	61.4%	62.4%	60.9%	62.2%	60.5%	61.4%				
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.8%	5.8%	5.1%	7.6%	7.0%				
Participation Rate	64.8%	65.5%	64.7%	65.6%	65.5%	66.1%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,044.4		26,020.0		25,655.3		0.1%		1.5%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,200.6	17,455.5	17,179.1	17,473.5	17,042.3	17,283.3	0.1%	-0.1%	0.9%	1.0%
Employment ('000)	16,041.7	16,345.7	15,949.1	16,321.0	15,769.2	16,070.6	0.6%	0.2%	1.7%	1.7%
Unemployment ('000)	1,158.9	1,109.8	1,230.0	1,152.5	1,273.1	1,212.7	-5.8%	-3.7%	-9.0%	-8.5%
Employment Rate[1]	61.6%	62.8%	61.3%	62.7%	61.5%	62.6%				
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.4%	7.2%	6.6%	7.5%	7.0%				
Participation Rate	66.0%	67.0%	66.0%	67.2%	66.4%	67.4%				

BC Unemployment Rate*:



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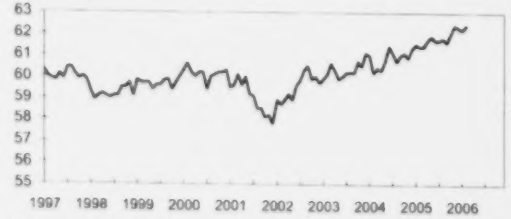

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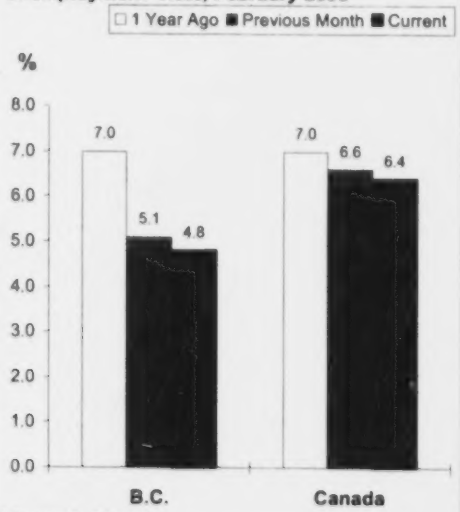
Unemployment* Rate, February 2006



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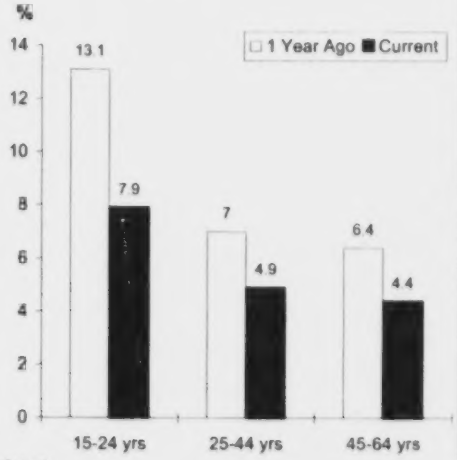
BC Unemployment* Rates by Age, February 2006



*Actual

[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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Source: Statistics Canada

2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)
1996	1,988.4		1,816.4		172.0		8.7	65.6
1997	2,030.6	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	170.1	-1.1	8.4	65.5
1998	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	8.8	64.9
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*		
2005 Jan	2,216.7	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	158.8	-11.1	7.2	64.9
Feb	2,241.2	2.9	2,069.8	3.7	171.4	-5.8	7.6	65.5
Mar	2,229.5	1.9	2,080.6	3.2	149.0	-13.3	6.7	65.0
Apr	2,231.1	2.3	2,092.4	3.9	138.7	-17.5	6.2	65.0
May	2,274.9	2.0	2,138.3	3.9	136.6	-20.4	6.0	66.1
Jun	2,284.7	0.7	2,159.2	2.1	125.5	-18.9	5.5	66.3
Jul	2,307.1	1.7	2,161.4	2.6	145.7	-10.1	6.3	66.9
Aug	2,313.1	1.6	2,166.7	3.5	146.4	-19.8	6.3	66.9
Sep	2,259.0	1.6	2,142.7	2.7	116.3	-15.2	5.1	65.2
Oct	2,264.9	1.4	2,160.9	3.3	104.0	-26.4	4.6	65.3
Nov	2,271.2	2.7	2,168.0	4.5	103.2	-24.5	4.5	65.4
Dec	2,267.7	2.3	2,168.6	3.6	99.0	-19.9	4.4	65.2
2006 Jan	2,252.5	1.6	2,122.5	3.1	130.0	-18.1	5.8	64.7
Feb	2,260.2	0.8	2,141.7	3.5	118.5	-30.9	5.2	64.8
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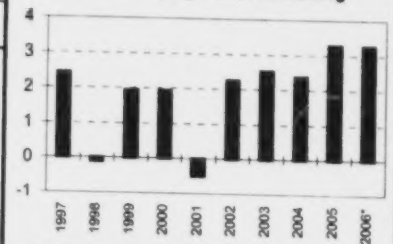
Average:								
Jan-Feb05	2,229.0		2,063.9		165.1		7.4	65.2
Jan-Feb06	2,256.4		2,132.1		124.3		5.5	64.8
% Change	1.2		3.3		-24.7			

% Change in Employment, Annual Avg



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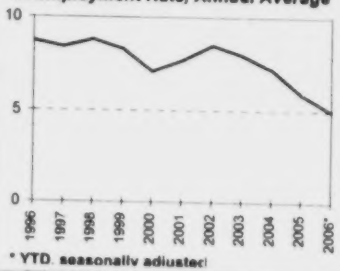
Unemployment Rate, Annual Average



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Seasonally Adjusted								
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
2005 Jan	2,248.9		2,102.4		146.5		6.5	65.8
Feb	2,261.6	0.6	2,103.1	0.0	158.5	8.2	7.0	66.1
Mar	2,250.9	-0.5	2,104.5	0.1	146.4	-7.6	6.5	65.6
Apr	2,254.1	0.1	2,116.9	0.6	137.1	-6.4	6.1	65.7
May	2,263.8	0.4	2,130.7	0.7	133.0	-3.0	5.9	65.8
Jun	2,255.4	-0.4	2,123.8	-0.3	131.6	-1.1	5.8	65.5
Jul	2,266.7	0.5	2,128.8	0.2	138.0	4.9	6.1	65.7
Aug	2,266.6	0.0	2,137.0	0.4	129.7	-6.0	5.7	65.6
Sep	2,259.5	-0.3	2,132.4	-0.2	127.2	-1.9	5.6	65.3
Oct	2,264.4	0.2	2,148.7	0.8	115.7	-9.0	5.1	65.3
Nov	2,280.3	0.7	2,169.0	0.9	111.4	-3.7	4.9	65.7
Dec	2,282.9	0.1	2,167.1	-0.1	115.8	3.9	5.1	65.6
2006 Jan	2,284.5	0.1	2,166.9	0.0	117.6	1.6	5.1	65.6
Feb	2,285.1	0.0	2,175.9	0.4	109.2	-7.1	4.8	65.5
Average:								
Jan-Feb05	2,255.3		2,102.8		152.5		6.8	66.0
Jan-Feb06	2,284.8		2,171.4		113.4		5.0	65.6
% Change	1.3		3.3		-25.6			

* Per cent changes for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, per cent changes are calculated as month over previous mont

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3a Employment ('000) by Province

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1,816.4	1,405.1	456.8	517.4	5,167.1	3,129.8	305.5	376.9	58.9	187.5	13,421.4
1997	1,860.5	1,451.4	466.2	525.6	5,291.4	3,172.8	309.1	382.0	58.8	188.3	13,706.0
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2005 Jan	2,058.0	1,740.5	473.4	567.9	6,217.0	3,599.5	332.9	426.8	62.8	199.3	15,678.1
Feb	2,069.8	1,748.6	476.3	573.6	6,259.3	3,622.4	333.6	425.3	63.3	197.2	15,769.2
Mar	2,080.6	1,755.7	479.6	569.6	6,247.3	3,620.5	333.6	427.6	63.7	201.5	15,779.8
Apr	2,092.4	1,754.0	476.3	570.6	6,312.6	3,645.9	336.6	434.3	63.5	200.1	15,886.3
May	2,138.3	1,800.7	495.0	587.0	6,458.2	3,698.3	359.9	454.3	70.6	214.6	16,277.0
Jun	2,159.2	1,813.8	498.0	589.4	6,505.1	3,796.3	364.0	457.7	73.3	232.6	16,489.5
Jul	2,161.4	1,814.9	497.3	589.0	6,486.1	3,837.8	368.3	458.3	73.9	242.0	16,529.0
Aug	2,166.7	1,811.9	492.3	587.0	6,507.5	3,814.1	367.7	460.9	73.9	226.3	16,508.5
Sep	2,142.7	1,786.4	480.2	581.8	6,419.5	3,761.0	357.0	443.4	70.9	221.6	16,264.6
Oct	2,160.9	1,791.5	479.9	582.9	6,473.4	3,759.0	351.2	447.1	69.7	215.9	16,331.4
Nov	2,168.0	1,796.6	479.1	583.4	6,459.9	3,734.3	351.7	441.0	67.2	214.0	16,295.1
Dec	2,168.6	1,798.6	474.5	581.9	6,427.1	3,718.2	349.9	439.8	65.9	203.5	16,228.1
2006 Jan	2,122.5	1,780.2	470.8	574.1	6,337.6	3,639.1	342.9	425.0	63.0	193.9	15,949.1
Feb	2,141.7	1,812.8	471.9	577.6	6,340.6	3,667.5	342.4	423.7	63.6	199.9	16,041.7
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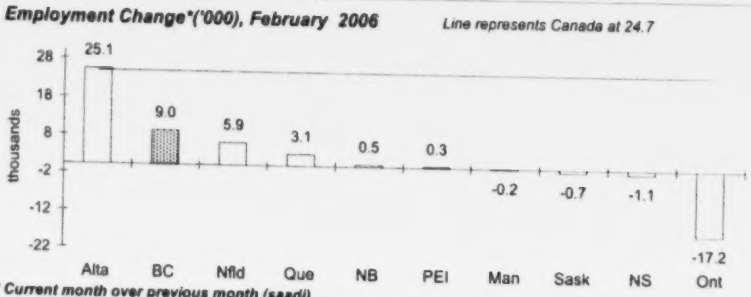
Average:											
Jan-Feb05	2,063.9	1,744.6	474.9	570.8	6,238.2	3,611.0	333.3	426.1	63.1	198.3	15,723.7
Jan-Feb06	2,132.1	1,796.5	471.4	575.9	6,339.1	3,653.3	342.7	424.4	63.3	196.9	15,995.4
% Change	3.3	3.0	-0.7	0.9	1.6	1.2	2.8	-0.4	0.4	-0.7	1.7

Employment Change*('000), February 2006



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Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	2,102.4	1,771.8	486.5	579.7	6,327.1	3,705.2	349.9	444.9	68.7	215.5	16,051.7
Feb	2,103.1	1,773.4	487.5	582.7	6,343.5	3,704.3	351.1	442.7	68.8	213.5	16,070.6
Mar	2,104.5	1,777.0	488.8	575.9	6,347.6	3,695.6	349.8	442.3	68.5	216.0	16,065.9
Apr	2,116.9	1,778.6	485.0	576.3	6,378.9	3,695.9	351.4	444.3	68.2	212.5	16,107.9
May	2,130.7	1,783.2	486.0	579.6	6,405.9	3,668.7	355.1	447.5	67.9	211.8	16,136.2
Jun	2,123.8	1,778.6	484.7	579.4	6,406.0	3,704.6	348.0	443.1	67.2	215.7	16,151.2
Jul	2,128.8	1,787.9	484.1	581.5	6,398.8	3,723.1	349.7	442.0	68.1	216.4	16,180.4
Aug	2,137.0	1,787.0	481.8	580.2	6,405.4	3,737.2	349.1	444.0	67.7	211.8	16,201.1
Sep	2,132.4	1,783.5	478.3	579.3	6,425.7	3,728.8	347.6	438.9	68.1	214.1	16,196.6
Oct	2,148.7	1,793.5	478.8	580.5	6,449.9	3,743.7	347.3	443.1	68.2	214.2	16,267.9
Nov	2,169.0	1,796.7	481.0	584.3	6,446.8	3,745.6	351.9	442.3	68.7	217.2	16,303.4
Dec	2,167.1	1,799.8	479.7	583.6	6,433.4	3,755.0	355.3	441.3	68.6	210.9	16,294.7
2006 Jan	2,166.9	1,810.2	482.9	586.3	6,449.0	3,746.3	358.7	442.8	68.7	209.3	16,321.0
Feb	2,175.9	1,835.3	482.2	586.1	6,431.8	3,749.4	359.2	441.7	69.0	215.2	16,345.7
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Jan-Feb05	2,102.8	1,772.6	487.0	581.2	6,335.3	3,704.8	350.5	443.8	68.8	214.5	16,061.2
Jan-Feb06	2,171.4	1,822.8	482.6	586.2	6,440.4	3,747.9	359.0	442.3	68.9	212.3	16,333.4
% Change	3.3	2.8	-0.9	0.9	1.7	1.2	2.4	-0.3	0.1	-1.0	1.7

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Source: Statistics Canada

3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1.7	2.9	-0.3	0.2	1.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	3.0	-3.5	0.9
1997	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4	2.1
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2005 Jan	2.5	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.2	4.0	0.6	1.3
Feb	3.7	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.3	4.3	-0.6	1.5
Mar	3.2	1.6	3.1	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.6	1.4
Apr	3.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.1	1.6	1.0	3.9	-0.3	1.2
May	3.9	1.9	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.6	2.1	1.3	2.5	-1.6	1.4
Jun	2.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.6	1.9	0.0	1.0
Jul	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.6	0.9	1.2	-0.4	-1.2	1.7	-1.1	1.2
Aug	3.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.6	-1.0	0.5	1.0	-1.9	1.5
Sep	2.7	0.7	-0.5	0.3	1.7	0.9	-1.6	-1.4	0.7	1.0	1.3
Oct	3.3	1.8	-1.2	0.1	1.8	1.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.3	1.0	1.6
Nov	4.5	1.7	-1.0	0.6	1.8	1.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	3.2	1.7
Dec	3.6	1.9	-1.3	0.5	1.4	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.0	-2.1	1.6
2006 Jan	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7
Feb	3.5	3.7	-0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.6	-0.4	0.5	1.4	1.7
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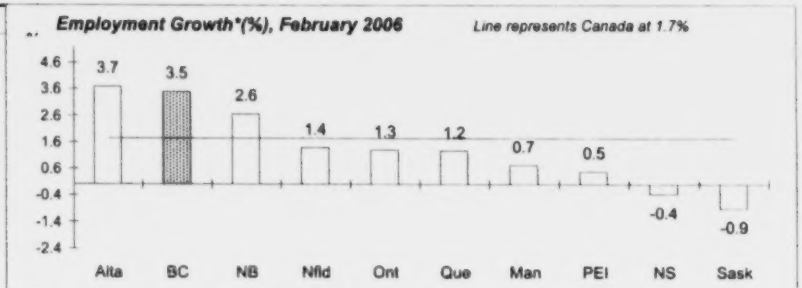

* Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.1
Mar	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.0
Apr	0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	-0.4	-1.6	0.3
May	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.2
Jun	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.8	0.1
Jul	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
Aug	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	-2.1	0.1
Sep	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.6	1.1	0.0
Oct	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Nov	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
Dec	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-0.1
2006 Jan	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.8	0.2
Feb	0.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.4	2.8	0.2

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous m

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Source: Statistics Canada

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	8.7	6.9	6.7	7.3	9.0	11.9	11.6	12.4	14.7	19.1	9.6
1997	8.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	8.4	11.4	12.7	12.2	15.4	18.4	9.1
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2005 Jan	7.2	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.7	9.5	11.2	9.9	14.1	16.5	7.5
Feb	7.6	4.2	5.5	5.4	7.0	9.0	10.6	10.7	13.0	17.2	7.5
Mar	6.7	3.5	5.5	5.5	7.3	8.9	10.6	9.8	13.0	16.9	7.4
Apr	6.2	4.2	5.5	5.1	6.6	8.5	11.2	9.2	15.0	18.8	7.0
May	6.0	3.6	4.3	4.7	7.2	8.5	9.6	7.8	9.5	16.7	7.0
Jun	5.5	3.4	4.2	4.3	6.6	7.4	9.0	7.7	7.8	12.5	6.3
Jul	6.3	3.7	4.9	4.7	7.3	7.9	9.3	7.7	9.1	12.1	6.9
Aug	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.4	7.4	8.3	9.2	7.0	8.7	15.2	7.1
Sep	5.1	3.7	5.5	4.4	6.1	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	13.2	6.2
Oct	4.6	3.8	4.7	4.1	5.9	7.7	9.7	7.7	9.1	13.9	6.1
Nov	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.5	7.9	8.6	8.1	10.6	14.7	6.0
Dec	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.2	5.6	8.3	9.1	8.0	12.1	15.8	6.1
2006 Jan	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2
Feb	5.2	3.2	5.8	4.7	6.3	8.9	10.6	9.5	14.0	16.7	6.7
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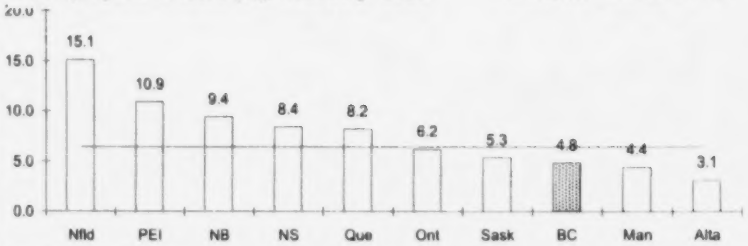
Jan-Feb05	7.4	4.5	5.6	5.5	6.9	9.3	10.9	10.3	13.6	16.9	7.5
Jan-Feb06	5.5	3.6	5.9	4.8	6.5	9.3	10.2	9.3	14.2	17.8	7.0

Unemployment Rates*(%), February 2006

Line represents Canada at 6.4%



Seasonally adjusted

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	6.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	10.5	14.6	7.0
Feb	7.0	4.0	4.9	4.9	6.8	8.2	9.3	9.8	10.3	15.4	7.0
Mar	6.5	3.6	5.1	5.2	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.4	10.3	15.0	6.9
Apr	6.1	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.7	8.0	9.3	8.4	10.6	16.1	6.8
May	5.9	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.8	8.6	8.9	7.8	10.8	15.3	6.9
Jun	5.8	3.9	4.9	4.8	6.7	8.1	9.9	8.8	11.9	14.0	6.8
Jul	6.1	3.6	4.8	4.7	6.7	8.3	9.8	8.0	11.1	14.5	6.8
Aug	5.7	3.9	5.3	4.6	6.7	8.3	9.7	7.5	11.3	16.6	6.8
Sep	5.6	4.1	6.0	4.8	6.3	8.3	10.6	8.6	11.4	15.5	6.7
Oct	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.5	6.4	8.3	10.9	8.6	11.2	15.2	6.6
Nov	4.9	4.2	5.2	4.1	6.1	8.0	9.4	8.3	10.7	14.8	6.4
Dec	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.2	6.2	8.2	9.6	8.5	11.1	15.4	6.5
2006 Jan	5.1	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	7.8	10.8	16.5	6.6
Feb	4.8	3.1	5.3	4.4	6.2	8.2	9.4	8.4	10.9	15.1	6.4
Average:											
Jan-Feb05	6.8	4.2	4.9	5.0	6.8	8.4	9.6	9.2	10.4	15.0	7.0
Jan-Feb06	5.0	3.3	5.3	4.4	6.4	8.3	9.2	8.1	10.9	15.8	6.5

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Source: Statistics Canada

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

	Actual											Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	60.0	67.3	61.0	61.6	59.7	54.6	51.8	52.0	56.4	42.3	58.4											
1997	60.0	67.8	62.2	62.3	60.2	55.0	52.1	52.5	55.9	42.9	58.9											
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7											
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6											
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3											
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1											
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7											
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4											
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7											
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7											
2005 Jan	60.2	68.8	63.3	64.1	62.3	58.5	54.7	56.2	56.5	46.3	61.2	61.5	70.0	65.1	65.5	63.4	60.3	57.4	58.6	61.8	50.1	62.6
Feb	60.5	69.0	63.7	64.7	62.6	58.9	54.8	56.0	56.9	45.8	61.5	61.4	70.0	65.2	65.8	63.4	60.2	57.6	58.3	61.8	49.6	62.6
Mar	60.7	69.2	64.1	64.2	62.4	58.8	54.7	56.3	57.2	46.8	61.4	61.4	70.0	65.3	64.9	63.4	60.0	57.4	58.2	61.5	50.2	62.6
Apr	60.9	69.0	63.6	64.3	63.0	59.1	55.2	57.1	57.0	46.5	61.8	61.7	70.0	64.8	64.9	63.6	59.9	57.6	58.5	61.2	49.4	62.6
May	62.2	70.7	66.1	66.1	64.3	59.9	59.0	59.8	63.3	49.9	63.2	61.9	70.0	64.9	65.3	63.8	59.4	58.2	58.9	60.9	49.3	62.7
Jun	62.7	71.1	66.5	66.3	64.6	61.4	59.7	60.2	65.7	54.2	63.9	61.7	69.7	64.7	65.2	63.7	60.0	57.0	58.3	60.3	50.2	62.6
Jul	62.7	71.0	66.4	66.2	64.4	62.1	60.3	60.3	66.2	56.4	64.0	61.7	69.9	64.7	65.4	63.5	60.2	57.3	58.1	61.0	50.4	62.7
Aug	62.7	70.7	65.7	66.0	64.4	61.6	60.2	60.5	66.2	52.7	63.8	61.8	69.7	64.3	65.2	63.4	60.4	57.2	58.3	60.6	49.3	62.7
Sep	61.9	69.6	64.1	65.4	63.5	60.7	58.4	58.2	63.5	51.6	62.8	61.6	69.5	63.9	65.1	63.5	60.2	56.9	57.6	61.0	49.9	62.6
Oct	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.5	63.9	60.6	57.4	58.7	62.3	50.3	63.0	62.0	69.7	63.9	65.2	63.7	60.3	56.8	58.2	61.0	49.9	62.7
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.0	65.5	63.7	60.1	57.5	57.9	60.1	49.8	62.8	62.4	69.6	64.3	65.6	63.6	60.3	57.6	58.1	61.4	50.6	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.5	63.4	65.4	63.3	59.8	57.2	57.7	58.8	47.4	62.4	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.6	63.4	60.4	58.1	57.9	61.3	49.1	62.7
2006 Jan	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3	62.2	69.7	64.6	65.9	63.4	60.2	58.7	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.7
Feb	61.4	69.6	63.1	64.9	62.3	58.9	56.0	55.6	56.8	46.6	61.6	62.4	70.5	64.5	65.8	63.2	60.2	58.8	57.9	61.6	50.2	62.8
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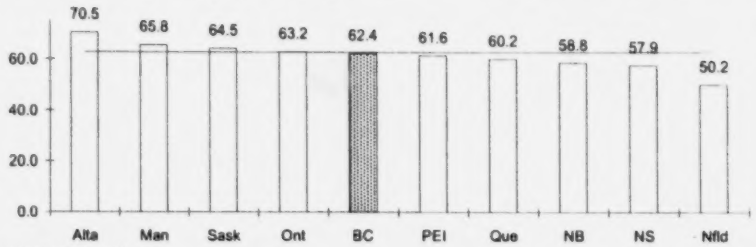
Jan-Feb05	60.4	68.9	63.5	64.4	62.5	58.7	54.8	56.1	56.7	46.1	61.4	61.5	70.0	65.2	65.7	63.4	60.3	57.5	58.5	61.8	49.9	62.6
Jan-Feb06	61.2	69.1	63.1	64.7	62.3	58.7	56.1	55.7	56.6	45.9	61.5	62.3	70.1	64.6	65.9	63.3	60.2	58.8	58.0	61.5	49.5	62.8

Employment Rates*(%), February 2006

Line represents Canada at 62.8%



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5a BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	533.8	306.8	996.1	26.0	48.8	20.7	96.4	131.6	450.7	231.1	820.3	18.9	40.3	16.0	75.6	271.0	984.5	537.9	1,816.4	44.9	89.1	36.7	172.0
1997	137.5	536.4	318.4	1,007.4	27.8	47.1	20.3	96.0	133.0	461.9	249.3	853.0	20.7	36.1	16.9	74.1	270.6	998.3	567.6	1,860.5	48.6	83.1	37.2	170.1
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2005 Jan	140.8	506.2	412.8	1,088.3	27.6	37.3	21.2	87.3	153.0	449.5	356.8	969.7	17.5	32.5	21.2	71.4	293.8	955.7	769.6	2,058.0	45.1	69.8	42.4	158.8
Feb	147.6	507.1	412.4	1,092.1	26.4	38.7	27.3	93.1	155.4	443.2	363.4	977.7	19.3	32.8	25.6	78.3	303.0	950.3	775.8	2,069.8	45.7	71.5	52.9	171.4
Mar	146.0	512.2	414.2	1,097.1	23.6	34.5	23.4	82.6	155.9	445.0	367.2	983.5	16.2	31.5	18.7	66.4	301.9	957.2	781.4	2,080.6	39.8	66.0	42.1	149.0
Apr	148.6	508.8	418.4	1,104.2	22.2	27.7	24.6	75.6	151.6	449.3	371.3	988.2	16.3	28.7	18.0	63.1	300.2	958.1	789.7	2,092.4	38.5	56.5	42.6	138.7
May	169.0	516.6	423.7	1,138.7	19.5	26.0	20.9	67.2	165.6	456.2	359.6	999.7	25.8	24.9	18.8	69.4	334.6	972.8	783.2	2,138.3	45.3	50.9	39.7	136.6
Jun	175.2	520.4	424.7	1,150.1	20.9	22.8	20.2	64.7	173.8	458.0	360.8	1,009.1	18.5	26.8	15.4	60.7	349.0	978.4	785.5	2,159.2	39.4	49.6	35.6	125.5
Jul	190.0	516.5	422.2	1,157.6	27.2	23.5	24.3	75.8	180.0	457.3	348.0	1,003.8	24.2	24.9	20.4	69.9	370.0	973.7	770.2	2,161.4	51.4	48.4	44.7	145.7
Aug	184.9	517.8	423.9	1,153.6	22.3	25.8	23.0	71.2	181.8	457.9	353.7	1,013.2	19.0	29.0	26.6	75.1	366.7	975.7	777.6	2,166.7	41.3	54.8	49.7	146.4
Sep	171.3	511.2	434.1	1,141.3	16.2	21.1	20.7	58.3	158.9	460.9	363.4	1,001.4	14.7	22.4	20.5	58.1	330.2	972.1	797.5	2,142.7	30.9	43.5	41.3	116.3
Oct	175.0	508.3	439.5	1,147.8	15.5	22.5	16.8	55.9	168.5	467.5	360.6	1,013.1	12.8	19.2	15.0	48.1	343.4	975.7	800.1	2,160.9	28.3	41.7	31.8	104.0
Nov	173.7	513.8	437.3	1,148.9	10.7	21.6	16.8	51.8	171.5	466.6	365.9	1,019.1	9.7	23.8	17.0	51.4	345.2	980.5	803.2	2,168.0	20.4	45.5	33.8	103.2
Dec	175.8	518.6	429.9	1,146.7	11.6	23.3	17.9	54.2	171.8	476.3	359.4	1,021.9	11.0	15.8	16.8	44.9	347.6	994.9	789.3	2,168.6	22.6	39.1	34.7	99.0
2006 Jan	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
Feb	166.0	510.4	427.7	1,130.3	16.9	23.7	20.4	63.5	169.8	460.2	364.5	1,011.4	11.9	26.1	16.4	55.0	335.9	970.6	792.1	2,141.7	28.8	49.9	36.8	118.5
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Jan-Feb05	144.2	506.7	412.6	1,090.2	27.0	38.0	24.3	90.2	154.2	446.4	360.1	973.7	18.4	32.7	23.4	74.9	298.4	953.0	772.7	2,063.9	45.4	70.7	47.7	165.1
Jan-Feb06	163.2	508.3	425.5	1,121.7	17.0	27.0	19.7	66.0	167.7	464.0	362.8	1,010.4	12.1	26.6	18.8	58.3	330.9	972.3	788.3	2,132.1	29.1	53.6	38.5	124.3
% Change	13.1	0.3	3.1	2.9	-37.0	-29.1	-18.8	-26.8	8.7	3.9	0.7	3.8	-34.5	-18.5	-19.7	-22.2	10.9	2.0	2.0	3.3	-35.9	-24.2	-19.3	-24.7

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimate

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Source: Statistics Canada

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	92.3	79.5	72.9	15.7	8.4	6.3	8.8	62.2	78.3	60.4	58.5	12.6	8.2	6.5	8.4	63.8	85.3	70.0	65.6	14.2	8.3	6.4	8.7
1997	63.7	91.9	79.2	72.1	16.8	8.1	6.0	8.7	61.6	78.3	62.5	59.1	13.5	7.2	6.3	8.0	62.6	85.1	70.8	65.5	15.2	7.7	6.1	8.4
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2005 Jan	58.4	91.6	78.9	69.9	16.4	6.9	4.9	7.4	61.5	79.6	67.2	59.9	10.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	59.9	85.6	73.0	64.9	13.3	6.8	5.2	7.2
Feb	60.2	92.0	79.7	70.4	15.2	7.1	6.2	7.9	63.0	78.7	69.0	60.7	11.0	6.9	6.6	7.4	61.5	85.3	74.3	65.5	13.1	7.0	6.4	7.6
Mar	58.6	92.1	79.1	70.0	13.9	6.3	5.3	7.0	61.9	78.7	68.2	60.2	9.4	6.6	4.8	6.3	60.2	85.3	73.6	65.0	11.6	6.5	5.1	6.7
Apr	58.9	90.4	79.9	69.9	13.0	5.2	5.6	6.4	60.4	78.9	68.7	60.2	9.7	6.0	4.6	6.0	59.6	84.6	74.2	65.0	11.4	5.6	5.1	6.2
May	65.0	91.4	79.9	71.3	10.3	4.8	4.7	5.6	68.8	79.4	66.5	61.2	13.5	5.2	5.0	6.5	66.8	85.3	73.2	66.1	11.9	5.0	4.8	6.0
Jun	67.5	91.5	79.8	71.7	10.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	69.0	80.0	66.0	61.1	9.6	5.5	4.1	5.7	68.2	85.7	72.8	66.3	10.1	4.8	4.3	5.5
Jul	74.6	90.9	79.9	72.7	12.5	4.4	5.4	6.1	73.2	79.5	64.4	61.3	11.8	5.2	5.5	6.5	73.9	85.1	72.1	66.9	12.2	4.7	5.5	6.3
Aug	71.0	91.5	79.7	72.1	10.8	4.7	5.1	5.8	71.8	80.3	66.3	62.0	9.5	6.0	7.0	6.9	71.4	85.8	72.9	66.9	10.1	5.3	6.0	6.3
Sep	64.1	89.6	80.9	70.4	8.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	62.0	79.7	66.8	60.2	8.5	4.6	5.3	5.5	63.1	84.6	73.7	65.2	8.6	4.3	4.9	5.1
Oct	65.0	89.3	81.0	70.6	8.1	4.2	3.7	4.6	64.6	80.2	65.1	60.2	7.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	64.8	84.7	73.0	65.3	7.6	4.1	3.8	4.6
Nov	62.9	90.0	80.4	70.3	5.8	4.0	3.7	4.3	64.5	80.8	66.2	60.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.8	63.7	85.3	73.2	65.4	5.6	4.4	4.0	4.5
Dec	63.8	91.0	79.1	70.2	6.2	4.3	4.0	4.5	65.1	81.0	64.9	60.4	6.0	3.2	4.5	4.2	64.4	86.0	71.9	65.2	6.1	3.8	4.2	4.4
2006 Jan	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8
Feb	62.3	89.7	78.7	69.6	9.2	4.4	4.6	5.3	64.6	80.1	65.3	60.2	6.5	5.4	4.3	5.2	63.4	84.8	71.9	64.8	7.9	4.9	4.4	5.2
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Jan-Feb05	59.3	91.8	79.3	70.2	15.8	7.0	5.6	7.7	62.3	79.2	68.1	60.3	10.7	6.8	6.1	7.2	60.7	85.5	73.7	65.2	13.2	6.9	5.8	7.4
Jan-Feb06	61.4	89.9	78.3	69.3	9.4	5.0	4.5	5.6	63.9	80.8	65.5	60.4	6.7	5.5	4.9	5.5	62.6	85.3	71.8	64.8	8.1	5.2	4.7	5.5

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estim

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Source: Statistics Canada

5c BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	856.8	996.1	26.0	70.4	96.4	131.6	688.7	820.3	18.9	56.7	75.6	271.0	1,545.4	1,816.4	44.9	127.1	172.0
1997	137.5	869.9	1,007.4	27.8	68.2	96.0	133.0	720.0	853.0	20.7	53.3	74.1	270.6	1,589.9	1,860.5	48.6	121.5	170.1
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2005 Jan	152.7	965.3	1,118.1	25.6	52.7	78.4	159.7	824.6	984.3	17.1	51.1	68.2	312.4	1,790.0	2,102.4	42.7	103.8	146.5
Feb	157.7	957.2	1,114.9	24.8	57.4	82.2	161.0	827.2	988.2	20.8	55.6	76.4	318.7	1,784.4	2,103.1	45.6	113.0	158.5
Mar	154.5	960.9	1,115.4	23.8	53.1	76.9	162.3	826.8	989.1	18.9	50.6	69.5	316.8	1,787.7	2,104.5	42.7	103.7	146.4
Apr	156.3	965.4	1,121.7	23.7	48.4	72.1	159.4	835.8	995.3	16.8	48.3	65.1	315.7	1,801.2	2,116.9	40.5	96.6	137.1
May	167.2	966.2	1,133.4	17.8	47.3	65.1	161.9	835.4	997.3	23.5	44.4	67.9	329.1	1,801.6	2,130.7	41.3	91.7	133.0
Jun	165.8	963.6	1,129.3	21.9	45.9	67.7	167.9	826.6	994.5	18.1	45.8	63.9	333.7	1,790.2	2,123.8	39.9	91.7	131.6
Jul	169.8	958.8	1,128.6	21.5	52.8	74.3	167.1	833.1	1,000.2	18.0	45.7	63.7	336.9	1,791.9	2,128.8	39.5	98.5	138.0
Aug	167.3	959.7	1,127.0	20.1	48.2	68.3	169.3	840.6	1,010.0	15.4	46.0	61.4	336.6	1,800.3	2,137.0	35.5	94.2	129.7
Sep	174.8	957.4	1,132.2	17.2	50.8	68.0	163.9	836.3	1,000.1	14.4	44.7	59.2	338.7	1,793.7	2,132.4	31.6	95.6	127.2
Oct	176.4	963.4	1,139.8	17.7	48.3	66.0	171.5	837.4	1,008.9	13.4	36.3	49.7	348.0	1,800.7	2,148.7	31.1	84.6	115.7
Nov	176.4	974.0	1,150.4	12.8	44.1	57.0	172.5	846.1	1,018.6	12.1	42.3	54.4	348.9	1,820.1	2,169.0	24.9	86.4	111.4
Dec	177.3	976.7	1,154.0	14.2	44.7	59.0	170.6	842.5	1,013.1	16.3	40.6	56.8	347.9	1,819.1	2,167.1	30.5	85.3	115.8
2006 Jan	173.8	971.4	1,145.2	15.8	44.1	59.9	172.0	849.7	1,021.7	12.8	45.0	57.7	345.8	1,821.1	2,166.9	28.5	89.1	117.6
Feb	176.5	978.0	1,154.5	15.5	39.1	54.6	174.7	846.7	1,021.5	13.2	41.3	54.6	351.3	1,824.7	2,175.9	28.7	80.4	109.2
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Average:																		
Jan-Feb05	155.2	961.3	1,116.5	25.2	55.1	80.3	160.4	825.9	986.3	19.0	53.4	72.3	315.6	1,787.2	2,102.8	44.2	108.4	152.5
Jan-Feb06	175.2	974.7	1,149.9	15.7	41.6	57.3	173.4	848.2	1,021.6	13.0	43.2	56.2	348.6	1,822.9	2,171.4	28.6	84.8	113.4
% Change	12.9	1.4	3.0	-37.9	-24.4	-28.7	8.1	2.7	3.6	-31.4	-19.1	-22.3	10.5	2.0	3.3	-35.2	-21.8	-25.6

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	74.5	72.9	15.7	7.6	8.8	55.1	68.8	66.5	62.2	57.8	58.5	12.6	7.6	8.4	54.4	53.4	53.6	63.8	66.0	65.6	14.2	7.6	8.7	54.7	61.0	60.0
1997	63.7	73.9	72.1	16.8	7.3	8.7	52.9	68.5	65.8	61.6	58.6	59.1	13.5	6.9	8.0	53.3	54.6	54.4	62.6	66.1	65.5	15.2	7.1	8.4	53.1	61.4	60.0
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2005 Jan	61.8	73.1	71.2	14.3	5.2	6.6	52.9	69.3	66.5	63.8	60.0	60.6	9.7	5.8	6.5	57.6	56.5	56.7	62.8	66.4	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.2	62.8	61.5
Feb	63.2	72.8	71.1	13.6	5.7	6.9	54.6	68.7	66.2	65.5	60.4	61.2	11.4	6.3	7.2	58.0	56.6	56.8	64.3	66.4	66.1	12.5	6.0	7.0	56.3	62.5	61.4
Mar	61.6	72.6	70.7	13.4	5.2	6.4	53.4	68.8	66.1	65.2	59.9	60.7	10.4	5.8	6.6	58.4	56.4	56.8	63.3	66.1	65.6	11.9	5.5	6.5	55.8	62.5	61.4
Apr	62.1	72.5	70.7	13.2	4.8	6.0	53.9	69.0	66.4	63.4	60.3	60.8	9.5	5.5	6.1	57.3	57.0	57.0	62.7	66.2	65.7	11.4	5.1	6.1	55.6	62.9	61.7
May	63.7	72.3	70.9	9.6	4.7	5.4	57.6	69.0	67.0	66.6	59.9	60.9	12.7	5.0	6.4	58.2	56.8	57.1	65.1	66.0	65.8	11.2	4.8	5.9	57.9	62.8	61.9
Jun	64.5	71.9	70.7	11.7	4.5	5.7	57.0	68.7	66.7	66.7	59.3	60.5	9.7	5.2	6.0	60.2	56.2	56.8	65.6	65.5	65.5	10.7	4.9	5.8	58.6	62.3	61.7
Jul	65.7	72.0	70.9	11.2	5.2	6.2	58.3	68.2	66.5	66.3	59.6	60.7	9.7	5.2	6.0	59.9	56.5	57.1	66.0	65.6	65.7	10.5	5.2	6.1	59.1	62.2	61.7
Aug	64.2	71.6	70.3	10.7	4.8	5.7	57.4	68.2	66.3	66.1	60.0	61.0	8.3	5.2	5.7	60.6	56.9	57.5	65.1	65.7	65.6	9.5	5.0	5.7	58.9	62.4	61.8
Sep	65.7	71.5	70.5	9.0	5.0	5.7	59.8	67.9	66.5	63.7	59.6	60.2	8.1	5.1	5.6	58.5	56.5	56.9	64.7	65.4	65.3	8.5	5.1	5.6	59.2	62.1	61.6
Oct	66.2	71.6	70.7	9.1	4.8	5.5	60.2	68.2	66.8	65.9	59.0	60.1	7.2	4.2	4.7	61.1	56.5	57.3	66.1	65.1	65.3	8.2	4.5	5.1	60.7	62.2	62.0
Nov	64.5	71.9	70.7	6.8	4.3	4.7	60.2	68.8	67.3	65.7	59.9	60.8	6.6	4.8	5.1	61.4	57.0	57.7	65.1	65.8	65.7	6.7	4.5	4.9	60.8	62.8	62.4
Dec	65.2	72.0	70.9	7.4	4.4	4.9	60.4	68.9	67.4	66.5	59.4	60.6	8.7	4.6	5.3	60.7	56.7	57.3	65.9	65.6	65.6	8.1	4.5	5.1	60.6	62.6	62.3
2006 Jan	64.6	71.5	70.3	8.3	4.3	5.0	59.2	68.4	66.8	65.7	60.1	61.0	6.9	5.0	5.3	61.2	57.1	57.7	65.1	65.7	65.6	7.6	4.7	5.1	60.2	62.6	62.2
Feb	65.4	71.5	70.4	8.1	3.8	4.5	60.1	68.7	67.3	66.8	59.6	60.7	7.0	4.7	5.1	62.1	56.8	57.7	66.1	65.4	65.5	7.6	4.2	4.8	61.1	62.6	62.4
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Average:																											
Jan-Feb05	62.5	73.0	71.2	14.0	5.5	6.8	53.8	69.0	66.4	64.7	60.2	60.9	10.6	6.1	6.9	57.8	56.6	56.8	63.6	66.4	66.0	12.3	5.8	6.8	55.8	62.7	61.5
Jan-Feb06	65.0	71.5	70.4	8.2	4.1	4.8	59.7	68.6	67.1	66.3	59.9	60.9	7.0	4.9	5.2	61.7	57.0	57.7	65.6	65.6	65.6	7.6	4.5	5.0	60.7	62.6	62.3

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates

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Source: Statistics Canada

6 BC Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1996	887.4	108.8	996.1	10.9	563.4	256.8	820.3	31.3	1,450.8	365.6	1,816.4	20.1
1997	893.5	113.9	1,007.4	11.3	580.2	272.8	853.0	32.0	1,473.7	386.7	1,860.5	20.8
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
						seasonally adjusted						
2005 Jan	1,002.2	115.9	1,118.1	10.4	685.5	298.8	984.3	30.4	1,687.7	414.7	2,102.4	19.7
Feb	992.0	122.9	1,114.9	11.0	683.1	305.1	988.2	30.9	1,675.1	428.0	2,103.1	20.4
Mar	985.5	129.9	1,115.4	11.6	686.6	302.5	989.1	30.6	1,672.1	432.4	2,104.5	20.5
Apr	999.7	121.9	1,121.7	10.9	682.3	313.0	995.3	31.4	1,682.0	435.0	2,116.9	20.5
May	1,009.7	123.8	1,133.4	10.9	692.5	304.8	997.3	30.6	1,702.2	428.5	2,130.7	20.1
Jun	985.7	143.6	1,129.3	12.7	685.2	309.2	994.5	31.1	1,670.9	452.9	2,123.8	21.3
Jul	995.9	132.7	1,128.6	11.8	702.7	297.4	1,000.2	29.7	1,698.6	430.1	2,128.8	20.2
Aug	990.1	136.9	1,127.0	12.1	699.1	310.9	1,010.0	30.8	1,689.2	447.8	2,137.0	21.0
Sep	997.4	134.8	1,132.2	11.9	691.9	308.2	1,000.1	30.8	1,689.4	443.0	2,132.4	20.8
Oct	1,006.7	133.1	1,139.8	11.7	694.6	314.3	1,008.9	31.2	1,701.3	447.4	2,148.7	20.8
Nov	1,018.1	132.3	1,150.4	11.5	708.0	310.6	1,018.6	30.5	1,726.1	442.9	2,169.0	20.4
Dec	1,027.5	126.5	1,154.0	11.0	702.1	311.0	1,013.1	30.7	1,729.6	437.5	2,167.1	20.2
2006 Jan	1,018.7	126.5	1,145.2	11.0	717.8	303.9	1,021.7	29.7	1,736.5	430.4	2,166.9	19.9
Feb	1,004.1	150.3	1,154.5	13.0	709.3	312.2	1,021.5	30.6	1,713.4	462.5	2,175.9	21.3
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Average:												
Jan-Feb05	997.1	119.4	1,116.5	10.7	684.3	302.0	986.3	30.6	1,681.4	421.4	2,102.8	20.0
Jan-Feb06	1,011.4	138.4	1,149.9	12.0	713.6	308.1	1,021.6	30.2	1,725.0	446.5	2,171.4	20.6
% Change	1.4	15.9	3.0		4.3	2.0	3.6		2.6	6.0	3.3	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		408.2		30.7		55.1		10.3		192.8		119.3	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	54.0	-2.0	9.9	-3.9	196.2	1.8	123.1	3.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	51.3	-5.0	11.1	12.1	195.9	-0.2	117.2	-4.8
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
							seasonally adjusted							
2005 Jan	2,102.4		458.9		39.6		37.5		8.1		209.4		164.3	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	460.6	0.4	40.4	2.0	38.7	3.2	9.5	17.3	206.7	-1.3	165.5	0.7
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	449.2	-2.5	39.5	-2.2	36.1	-6.7	10.2	7.4	199.5	-3.5	164.0	-0.9
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	455.5	1.4	40.7	3.0	40.1	11.1	10.4	2.0	196.1	-1.7	168.3	2.6
May	2,130.7	0.7	452.0	-0.8	38.6	-5.2	41.4	3.2	12.9	24.0	194.3	-0.9	164.9	-2.0
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	450.4	-0.4	39.2	1.6	40.5	-2.2	13.3	3.1	191.4	-1.5	166.0	0.7
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	458.4	1.8	42.6	8.7	35.3	-12.8	13.0	-2.3	199.6	4.3	167.9	1.1
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	447.6	-2.4	37.9	-11.0	37.1	5.1	11.2	-13.8	192.6	-3.5	168.8	0.5
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	443.6	-0.9	35.6	-6.1	35.8	-3.5	10.3	-8.0	195.5	1.5	166.3	-1.5
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	443.2	-0.1	36.7	3.1	37.0	3.4	9.7	-5.8	192.7	-1.4	167.1	0.5
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	457.3	3.2	34.3	-6.5	35.0	-5.4	8.2	-15.5	207.1	7.5	172.7	3.4
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	457.0	-0.1	39.6	15.5	36.4	4.0	7.3	-11.0	193.4	-6.6	180.4	4.5
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	443.2	-3.0	34.2	-13.6	40.6	11.5	8.6	17.8	191.4	-1.0	168.3	-6.7
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	460.8	4.0	36.0	5.3	39.2	-3.4	8.0	-7.0	204.3	6.7	173.3	3.0
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Average:														
Jan-Feb05	2,102.8		459.8		40.0		38.1		8.8		208.1		164.9	
Jan-Feb06	2,171.4		452.0		35.1		39.9		8.3		197.9		170.8	
% Change	3.3		-1.7		-12.3		4.7		-5.7		-4.9		3.6	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.*

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Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Community and Personal Service: Education		Community and Personal Service: Health & Social Services		Community and Personal Service: Accommod., Food & Bev.		Community and Personal Service: Other Service		Public Administration	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		108.2		118.4		183.3		140.8		235.9		106.1	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	112.1	3.6	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	243.2	3.1	100.7	-5.1
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	122.8	9.5	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	253.2	4.1	93.8	-6.9
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
											seasonally adjusted									
2005 Jan	1,643.5		114.9		321.4		128.3		155.9		139.1		220.4		177.1		292.7		93.8	
Feb	1,642.5	-0.1	113.5	-1.2	322.2	0.2	130.9	2.0	161.7	3.7	143.3	3.0	218.9	-0.7	166.8	-5.8	291.1	-0.5	93.9	0.1
Mar	1,655.3	0.8	114.2	0.6	328.0	1.8	137.3	4.9	163.1	0.9	143.5	0.1	216.4	-1.1	166.0	-0.5	292.1	0.3	94.8	1.0
Apr	1,661.4	0.4	110.7	-3.1	323.2	-1.5	131.7	-4.1	167.2	2.5	149.2	4.0	213.7	-1.2	178.5	7.5	292.1	0.0	95.3	0.5
May	1,678.7	1.0	119.0	7.5	329.1	1.8	134.9	2.4	167.3	0.1	149.2	0.0	208.3	-2.5	177.2	-0.7	290.7	-0.5	103.1	8.2
Jun	1,673.4	-0.3	118.1	-0.8	321.4	-2.3	139.8	3.6	171.5	2.5	151.4	1.5	209.7	0.7	173.3	-2.2	292.0	0.4	96.3	-6.6
Jul	1,670.4	-0.2	124.0	5.0	323.4	0.6	135.6	-3.0	163.8	-4.5	153.9	1.7	211.9	1.0	179.5	3.6	283.3	-3.0	95.1	-1.2
Aug	1,689.4	1.1	122.9	-0.9	338.4	4.6	137.0	1.0	164.3	0.3	149.5	-2.9	220.2	3.9	174.3	-2.9	286.6	1.2	96.2	1.2
Sep	1,688.8	0.0	124.9	1.6	342.4	1.2	127.4	-7.0	158.1	-3.8	148.3	-0.8	220.7	0.2	177.4	1.8	294.7	2.8	94.9	-1.4
Oct	1,705.5	1.0	121.6	-2.6	359.8	5.1	129.2	1.4	159.6	0.9	139.9	-5.7	225.1	2.0	178.9	0.8	298.6	1.3	92.8	-2.2
Nov	1,711.7	0.4	120.8	-0.7	353.1	-1.9	131.9	2.1	166.6	4.4	142.0	1.5	225.7	0.3	178.6	-0.2	301.8	1.1	91.2	-1.7
Dec	1,710.0	-0.1	118.4	-2.0	351.4	-0.5	131.1	-0.6	164.5	-1.3	146.1	2.9	218.2	-3.3	181.4	1.6	305.1	1.1	93.8	2.9
2006 Jan	1,723.7	0.8	124.2	4.9	352.0	0.2	128.0	-2.4	166.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	210.6	-3.5	180.3	-0.6	312.7	2.5	97.4	3.8
Feb	1,715.2	-0.5	128.7	3.6	361.1	2.6	129.4	1.1	171.6	3.1	150.2	-1.2	213.2	1.2	174.8	-3.1	292.4	-6.5	93.6	-3.9
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Average:																				
Jan-Feb05	1,643.0		114.2		321.8		129.6		158.8		141.2		219.7		172.0		291.9		93.9	
Jan-Feb06	1,719.5		126.5		356.6		128.7		169.1		151.1		211.9		177.6		302.6		95.5	
% Change	4.7		10.7		10.8		-0.7		6.5		7.0		-3.5		3.3		3.6		1.8	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month*

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Source: Statistics Canada

8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1996	186.0	3.3	327.0	3.7	98.5	4.0	91.1	2.3	143.9	3.1	56.8	5.3	460.6	7.2	297.1	9.1	71.9	14.5	83.5	8.4	1,816.4	8.7
1997	180.0	2.9	339.9	3.7	103.1	3.3	97.9	1.8	141.8	3.4	56.3	6.5	477.7	5.8	311.6	7.1	68.9	15.5	83.3	8.3	1,860.5	8.4
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2005 Jan	184.5	2.5	375.6	3.0	129.2	3.5	124.2	1.5	159.2	2.6	64.8	7.7	543.4	6.7	311.8	8.4	59.5	15.6	105.8	4.9	2,058.0	7.2
Feb	186.8	2.5	379.5	2.8	126.7	5.0	122.4	1.1	166.8	3.1	58.4	2.0	546.4	7.0	320.1	6.8	62.7	14.9	100.0	7.0	2,069.8	7.6
Mar	177.6	2.8	385.4	2.4	125.3	2.2	111.4	1.2	176.3	3.3	66.2	2.5	551.6	6.1	325.0	6.0	64.6	11.1	97.1	7.9	2,080.6	6.7
Apr	190.2	2.6	375.6	3.3	139.5	1.7	110.0	1.5	172.3	2.5	65.8	1.9	552.9	4.5	322.8	5.5	69.0	10.7	94.4	8.9	2,092.4	6.2
May	183.4	2.9	401.0	3.5	139.3	3.7	104.6	0.9	180.4	1.3	65.8	5.7	558.1	4.3	332.8	3.9	76.9	9.4	96.0	5.6	2,138.3	6.0
Jun	176.7	2.5	391.2	3.7	142.4	3.7	115.7	1.7	182.4	0.7	78.3	4.6	556.5	3.2	342.6	3.4	83.4	6.8	90.1	9.0	2,159.2	5.5
Jul	187.1	2.9	394.2	3.3	142.9	2.3	119.0	0.4	161.2	4.0	69.0	8.6	556.2	4.6	349.1	3.2	84.9	5.8	97.9	6.8	2,161.4	6.3
Aug	189.7	1.4	390.8	4.1	144.8	2.0	122.9	0.8	163.1	5.7	69.0	7.8	562.3	5.3	344.8	3.6	83.1	7.3	96.2	4.1	2,166.7	6.3
Sep	193.2	2.6	384.2	2.0	139.3	2.3	129.2	1.0	172.4	2.1	70.0	4.9	559.3	3.7	329.0	3.4	73.0	9.3	93.0	5.3	2,142.7	5.1
Oct	207.4	2.4	377.2	2.6	126.0	3.0	124.8	1.3	179.6	1.4	81.3	4.7	571.5	3.4	325.3	3.6	77.0	6.0	90.8	4.9	2,160.9	4.6
Nov	220.9	1.4	366.1	2.9	136.3	3.8	126.8	1.4	175.3	1.6	84.1	3.3	567.2	4.0	333.8	2.8	59.5	10.1	97.9	2.9	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	218.2	1.3	374.7	1.8	141.7	2.3	112.4	1.1	179.5	2.3	83.2	2.9	570.3	3.3	332.6	3.8	61.8	10.2	94.2	5.2	2,168.6	4.4
2006 Jan	205.8	2.0	374.7	2.8	150.6	2.5	112.6	2.0	175.6	1.1	77.9	4.9	563.0	4.3	322.9	6.0	56.5	14.1	82.8	7.9	2,122.5	5.8
Feb	214.0	1.7	375.9	2.3	152.6	2.4	116.6	1.5	175.2	2.3	79.2	2.3	543.7	4.2	331.7	5.0	62.8	10.9	90.1	6.7	2,141.7	5.2
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Jan-Feb05	185.7	2.5	377.6	2.9	128.0	4.3	123.3	1.3	163.0	2.8	61.6	4.9	544.9	6.8	316.0	7.6	61.1	15.3	102.9	5.9	2,063.9	7.4
Jan-Feb06	209.9	1.9	375.3	2.6	151.6	2.4	114.6	1.8	175.4	1.7	78.6	3.6	553.4	4.2	327.3	5.5	59.7	12.5	86.5	7.3	2,132.1	5.5
% Change	13.1		-0.6		18.5		-7.1		7.6		27.5		1.6		3.6		-2.4		-16.0		3.3	

NOTES: *1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persc which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category*

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1996	1,816.4	8.7	946.5	7.9	142.7	8.6	62.7	11.4	308.7	9.4	1071.4	8.2	200.3	10.5	65.8	8.7	86.2	8.6	51.7	7.5	32.3	7.2
1997	1,860.5	8.4	966.4	8.2	149.8	7.6	68.2	8.0	322.0	8.7	1098.9	8.2	206.1	8.3	65.3	9.3	83.3	9.8	51.8	9.0	33.1	4.6
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1,216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1,251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2005 Jan	2,075.5	6.3	1,136.1	6.0	162.2	5.1	75.3	6.9	335.8	7.0	1,275.2	6.0	233.9	5.7	71.5	7.8	81.3	6.9	44.5	9.6	33.4	4.9
Feb	2,073.8	6.8	1,141.0	6.3	162.6	5.3	74.2	7.1	334.8	7.8	1,278.7	6.3	233.1	6.7	68.9	8.7	80.1	8.1	43.9	10.0	34.5	4.4
Mar	2,069.4	7.2	1,142.3	6.7	163.0	5.6	75.8	6.4	331.3	8.6	1,284.1	6.6	229.9	6.6	68.0	7.9	77.8	9.8	43.3	11.5	35.0	4.9
Apr	2,080.9	6.8	1,146.1	6.3	165.6	4.9	76.7	5.9	334.6	7.9	1,292.3	6.3	229.8	6.3	68.8	8.1	76.1	10.5	43.9	10.2	35.5	4.1
May	2,103.8	6.3	1,151.6	6.1	169.0	4.1	77.5	5.8	341.7	6.5	1,301.8	6.1	234.3	5.7	69.5	6.3	76.0	9.5	45.1	8.7	35.4	5.6
Jun	2,130.0	5.9	1,156.8	6.0	171.3	3.5	77.7	5.8	351.5	5.2	1,308.8	5.9	240.9	5.5	70.0	5.1	76.7	9.6	46.7	7.2	35.3	5.4
Jul	2,153.0	5.9	1,161.3	6.3	172.9	3.6	78.7	5.7	357.4	5.4	1,315.9	6.2	246.8	5.2	70.0	4.0	79.4	7.6	48.3	6.8	35.2	5.1
Aug	2,162.4	6.0	1,160.2	6.5	173.6	4.1	79.1	4.9	361.8	5.7	1,316.5	6.3	248.9	5.3	70.4	5.2	80.3	7.0	50.0	5.7	34.6	4.4
Sep	2,156.9	5.9	1,154.4	6.2	173.2	4.7	79.1	5.3	359.8	6.4	1,310.8	6.1	252.5	4.9	70.3	6.3	81.0	5.4	49.3	5.7	33.3	4.3
Oct	2,156.8	5.4	1,152.1	5.4	173.4	4.7	79.3	4.8	360.9	5.9	1,308.1	5.3	254.5	4.9	71.1	5.7	81.8	5.1	47.6	6.1	32.7	4.4
Nov	2,157.2	4.8	1,160.8	4.5	171.2	4.4	80.1	5.2	356.5	5.7	1,316.8	4.5	252.4	4.4	70.8	5.2	83.4	4.8	45.2	6.8	32.1	4.5
Dec	2,165.9	4.5	1,169.5	4.1	169.4	4.0	80.7	4.9	357.4	5.3	1,325.6	4.2	252.6	4.1	68.4	5.4	84.9	4.8	43.5	7.6	33.5	NA
2006 Jan	2,153.1	4.9	1,163.0	4.5	167.0	4.0	81.1	5.5	356.0	5.4	1,318.7	4.6	250.3	4.1	66.8	6.4	84.7	5.8	42.4	9.4	34.2	NA
Feb	2,144.3	5.1	1,152.3	4.8	168.0	3.8	81.2	5.0	360.9	5.3	1,307.2	4.8	249.7	5.0	65.9	7.2	84.1	5.8	41.8	9.7	34.7	NA
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Average:	year-to-date averages are based on monthy actual data																					
Jan-Feb05	2,063.9	7.4	1,137.5	6.9	161.5	6.0	74.7	7.3	331.1	8.8	1,275.8	6.9	233.1	7.0	67.5	8.2	78.7	10.1	43.0	11.6	34.8	NA
Jan-Feb06	2,132.1	5.5	1,140.3	5.3	168.8	4.0	81.6	5.1	362.5	5.4	1,295.2	5.3	247.1	5.6	67.2	7.4	83.8	6.4	41.9	9.7	34.4	NA
% Change	3.3		0.2		4.5		9.2		9.5		1.5		6.0		-0.4		6.5		-2.6		-1.0	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005

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Source: Statistics Canada

10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		1,489.5		332.1		1,157.4		326.9	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	1,500.4	0.7	336.2	1.2	1,164.2	0.6	360.1	10.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	1,474.6	-1.7	333.7	-0.7	1,140.8	-2.0	383.8	6.6
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
					seasonally adjusted					
2005 Jan	2,102.4		1,697.9		367.2		1,330.7		404.5	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	1,694.3	-0.2	370.2	0.8	1,324.2	-0.5	408.8	1.1
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	1,689.6	-0.3	355.5	-4.0	1,334.0	0.7	414.9	1.5
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	1,702.7	0.8	365.5	2.8	1,337.2	0.2	414.2	-0.2
May	2,130.7	0.7	1,736.3	2.0	376.7	3.1	1,359.6	1.7	394.5	-4.8
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	1,717.8	-1.1	379.7	0.8	1,338.0	-1.6	406.0	2.9
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	1,708.9	-0.5	376.9	-0.7	1,332.0	-0.4	419.9	3.4
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	1,718.8	0.6	373.8	-0.8	1,345.0	1.0	418.1	-0.4
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	1,713.0	-0.3	368.8	-1.3	1,344.2	-0.1	419.3	0.3
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	1,715.4	0.1	367.7	-0.3	1,347.7	0.3	433.3	3.3
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	1,743.9	1.7	367.2	-0.1	1,376.7	2.2	425.1	-1.9
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	1,736.6	-0.4	368.8	0.4	1,367.8	-0.6	430.5	1.3
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	1,756.3	1.1	382.3	3.7	1,374.0	0.5	410.7	-4.6
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	1,767.1	0.6	372.8	-2.5	1,394.3	1.5	408.9	-0.4
Mar										
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Average:										
Jan-Feb05	2,102.8		1,696.1		368.7		1,327.5		406.7	
Jan-Feb06	2,171.4		1,761.7		377.6		1,384.2		409.8	
% Change	3.3		3.9		2.4		4.3		0.8	

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Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Anne Kittredge at (250)387-0374 or Anne.Kittredge@gems6.gov.bc.ca.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, har actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the populatior 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC STATS on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations

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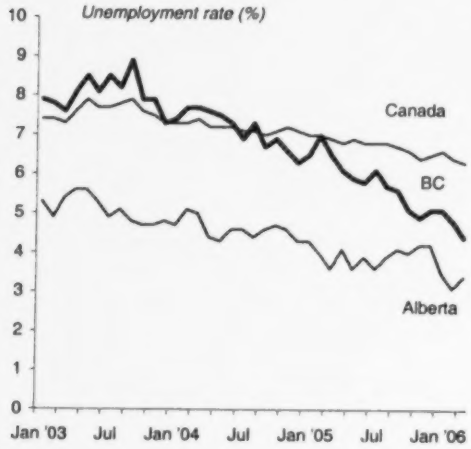
BC's jobless rate drops to a new low



British Columbia's unemployment rate continued to fall in March, dropping 0.4 percentage points to a new thirty-year-low of 4.4%. Among the regions, only Alberta (3.4%) and Manitoba (4.2%) had a lower incidence of unemployment in March. BC was not the only jurisdiction setting new records. Canada's unemployment rate (6.3%) was also at a thirty-year low.

The improvement in the unemployment rate came as the province recorded the strongest job growth (+0.6%) since November. The labour force expanded by 5,700 people (+0.2%), but with a net gain of 13,100 jobs, there were more than enough positions available for them to fill.

Historically, four percent has been pegged as the natural rate of unemployment—the rate at which the labour market is in balance (there is neither an excess supply of, or demand for, labour). A further decline in the jobless rate could mean that employers in the province will begin to face labour shortages as the supply of workers can't keep up with the demand.

The goods and service sectors both took on more workers

Employment in goods-producing industries expanded 1.5% in March, as most industries in the sector took on more staff. The most notable gain was in the construction industry (+2.3%), where employment climbed to 177,200. BC's hot housing market, together with generally robust economic conditions and increased spending on infrastructure projects as the province prepares to host the 2010 Olympics, have all contributed to an ongoing demand for construction workers in the province.

Construction workers in demand

Selected Statistics	Mar-06	Feb-06	Mar-05
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.8	6.5
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	6.9
BC Employment ('000)	2,189	2,176	2,105
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.5	65.6
March % change in employment relative to:	-	0.6	4.0
March % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.2	1.8

Although there are still more workers in manufacturing, the construction industry is not far behind. Eight out of ten jobs in the goods sector are in manufacturing or construction.

Employment in the service sector advanced 0.4%, regaining most of the ground lost in February. Information, culture & recreation (+6.4%), health care & social assistance (+5.2%) and miscellaneous services (+4.6%) took on more workers, but there were job losses in a number of industries. Accommodation & food services (-7.4%) and professional, scientific & technical services (-3.2%) pared down their workforce by a total of 18,500 people in March.

There were more full-time (+1.0%), but fewer part-time (-0.8%) jobs in March. Private sector employment slipped back 0.3%, but the number of public sector jobs was up 2.5%, and self-employment rose 1.9%. The jobless rate for young people aged 15-24 was 7.5%; among those 25 and older, only 3.8% were unable to find work.

Unemployment rates down in every region, but for different reasons

Compared to the same month last year, unemployment rates were down in every region of the province. Jobless rates ranged from 2.8%[1] (*3-month moving average*) in Northeast to 9.1% in North Coast/Nechako. Kootenay (6.5%) had the second-highest unemployment rate in the province. Unemployment rates fell in all parts of the province, but for different reasons.

There were fewer jobs in Kootenay, North Coast/Nechako and Northeast, but the labour force in these regions also shrank. In most other regions, job gains outpaced labour force growth. Mainland/Southwest was an exception to this rule: there were 1.6% more jobs, but fewer (-0.3%) people were available to work. As a result, the jobless rate fell 1.7 percentage points during the twelve month period ending in March.

Vancouver Island/Coast saw the strongest job growth (+9.9%) and the biggest increase in the labour force (+6.1%) during this period. The tight labour market conditions were mainly concentrated in the Victoria area. The jobless rate in the rest of the region was significantly higher than in Victoria.

Victoria's jobless rate inched up to 3.9% (*seasonally adjusted*) in March, but was still one of the lowest rates in the country. In Vancouver, the unemployment rate was 4.3%, and the rate in Abbotsford was 4.8%.

The Nation

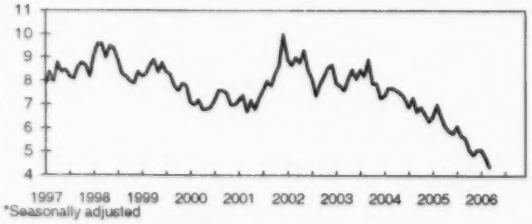
Canada's unemployment rate dipped to 6.3% as employment gains (+0.3%) were in step with labour force growth (+0.3%). BC (+0.6%), Ontario (+0.5%), Nova Scotia (+0.5%) and Alberta (+0.4%) all posted strong job growth, which offset weak increases or declines in most other regions.

[1] BC Stats estimate, calculated using data supplied by Statistics Canada

1 Summary for March 2006--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current March 2006		Previous Month February 2006		One Year Ago March 2005		Change from February 2006		Change from March 2005	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3492.4		3487.9		3429.1		0.1%		1.8%	
Labour Force ('000)	2267.9	2290.8	2260.2	2285.1	2229.5	2250.9	0.3%	0.2%	1.7%	1.8%
Employment ('000)	2164.9	2189.0	2141.7	2175.9	2080.6	2104.5	1.1%	0.6%	4.1%	4.0%
Unemployment ('000)	102.9	101.8	118.5	109.2	149.0	146.4	-13.2%	-6.8%	-30.9%	-30.5%
Employment Rate[1]	62.0%	62.7%	61.4%	62.4%	60.7%	61.4%				
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.4%	5.2%	4.8%	6.7%	6.5%				
Participation Rate	64.9%	65.6%	64.8%	65.5%	65.0%	65.6%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,071.0		26,044.4		25,683.6		0.1%		1.5%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,270.2	17,507.5	17,200.6	17,455.5	17,035.4	17,261.7	0.4%	0.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Employment ('000)	16,106.7	16,396.2	16,041.7	16,345.7	15,779.8	16,065.9	0.4%	0.3%	2.1%	2.1%
Unemployment ('000)	1,163.4	1,111.3	1,158.9	1,109.8	1,255.6	1,195.7	0.4%	0.1%	-7.3%	-7.1%
Employment Rate[1]	61.8%	62.9%	61.6%	62.8%	61.4%	62.6%				
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.3%	6.7%	6.4%	7.4%	6.9%				
Participation Rate	66.2%	67.2%	66.0%	67.0%	66.3%	67.2%				

BC Unemployment Rate:*



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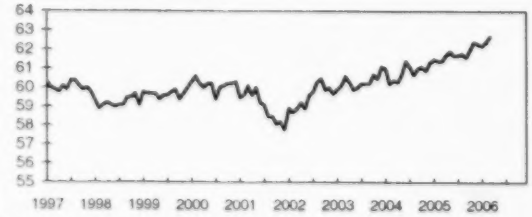

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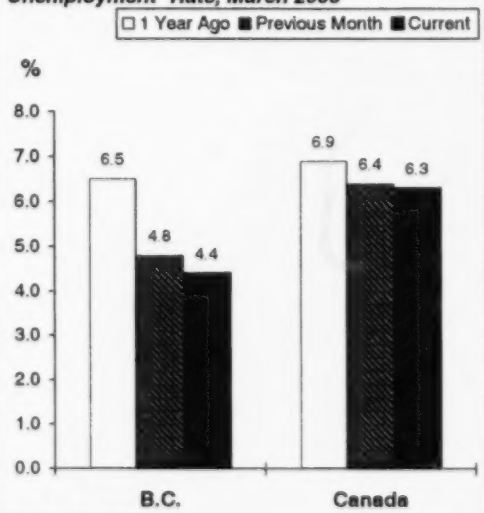

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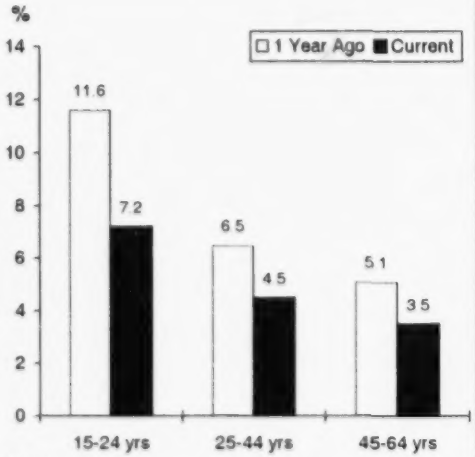
BC Unemployment Rates by Age, March 2006*



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[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)
1996	1,988.4		1,816.4		172.0		8.7	65.6
1997	2,030.6	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	170.1	-1.1	8.4	65.5
1998	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	8.8	64.9
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*		
2005 Jan	2,216.7	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	158.8	-11.1	7.2	64.9
Feb	2,241.2	2.9	2,069.8	3.7	171.4	-5.8	7.6	65.5
Mar	2,229.5	1.9	2,080.6	3.2	149.0	-13.3	6.7	65.0
Apr	2,231.1	2.3	2,092.4	3.9	138.7	-17.5	6.2	65.0
May	2,274.9	2.0	2,138.3	3.9	136.6	-20.4	6.0	66.1
Jun	2,284.7	0.7	2,159.2	2.1	125.5	-18.9	5.5	66.3
Jul	2,307.1	1.7	2,161.4	2.6	145.7	-10.1	6.3	66.9
Aug	2,313.1	1.6	2,166.7	3.5	146.4	-19.8	6.3	66.9
Sep	2,259.0	1.6	2,142.7	2.7	116.3	-15.2	5.1	65.2
Oct	2,264.9	1.4	2,160.9	3.3	104.0	-26.4	4.6	65.3
Nov	2,271.2	2.7	2,168.0	4.5	103.2	-24.5	4.5	65.4
Dec	2,267.7	2.3	2,168.6	3.6	99.0	-19.9	4.4	65.2
2006 Jan	2,252.5	1.6	2,122.5	3.1	130.0	-18.1	5.8	64.7
Feb	2,260.2	0.8	2,141.7	3.5	118.5	-30.9	5.2	64.8
Mar	2,267.9	1.7	2,164.9	4.1	102.9	-30.9	4.5	64.9
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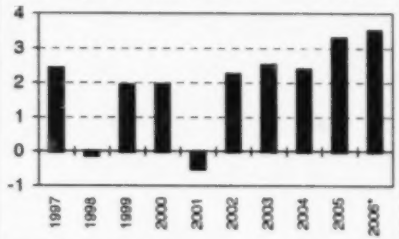
Average:								
Jan-Mar05	2,229.1		2,069.5		159.7		7.2	65.1
Jan-Mar06	2,260.2		2,143.0		117.1		5.2	64.8
% Change	1.4		3.6		-26.7			

% Change in Employment, Annual Avg



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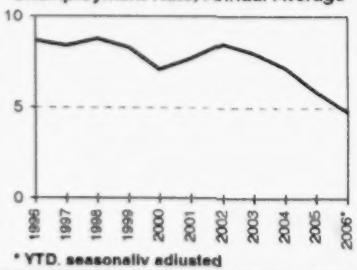
Unemployment Rate, Annual Average



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	Seasonally Adjusted							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
2005 Jan	2,248.9		2,102.4		146.5		6.5	65.8
Feb	2,261.6	0.6	2,103.1	0.0	158.5	8.2	7.0	66.1
Mar	2,250.9	-0.5	2,104.5	0.1	146.4	-7.6	6.5	65.6
Apr	2,254.1	0.1	2,116.9	0.6	137.1	-6.4	6.1	65.7
May	2,263.8	0.4	2,130.7	0.7	133.0	-3.0	5.9	65.8
Jun	2,255.4	-0.4	2,123.8	-0.3	131.6	-1.1	5.8	65.5
Jul	2,266.7	0.5	2,128.8	0.2	138.0	4.9	6.1	65.7
Aug	2,266.6	0.0	2,137.0	0.4	129.7	-6.0	5.7	65.6
Sep	2,259.5	-0.3	2,132.4	-0.2	127.2	-1.9	5.6	65.3
Oct	2,264.4	0.2	2,148.7	0.8	115.7	-9.0	5.1	65.3
Nov	2,280.3	0.7	2,169.0	0.9	111.4	-3.7	4.9	65.7
Dec	2,282.9	0.1	2,167.1	-0.1	115.8	3.9	5.1	65.6
2006 Jan	2,284.5	0.1	2,166.9	0.0	117.6	1.6	5.1	65.6
Feb	2,285.1	0.0	2,175.9	0.4	109.2	-7.1	4.8	65.5
Mar	2,290.8	0.2	2,189.0	0.6	101.8	-6.8	4.4	65.6
Average:								
Jan-Mar05	2,253.8		2,103.3		150.5		6.7	65.8
Jan-Mar06	2,286.8		2,177.3		109.5		4.8	65.6
% Change	1.5		3.5		-27.2			

* Per cent changes for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, per cent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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3a Employment ('000) by Province

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1,816.4	1,405.1	456.8	517.4	5,167.1	3,129.8	305.5	376.9	58.9	187.5	13,421.4
1997	1,860.5	1,451.4	466.2	525.6	5,291.4	3,172.8	309.1	382.0	58.8	188.3	13,706.0
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2005 Jan	2,058.0	1,740.5	473.4	567.9	6,217.0	3,599.5	332.9	426.8	62.8	199.3	15,678.1
Feb	2,069.8	1,748.6	476.3	573.6	6,259.3	3,622.4	333.6	425.3	63.3	197.2	15,769.2
Mar	2,080.6	1,755.7	479.6	569.6	6,247.3	3,620.5	333.6	427.6	63.7	201.5	15,779.8
Apr	2,092.4	1,754.0	476.3	570.6	6,312.6	3,645.9	336.6	434.3	63.5	200.1	15,886.3
May	2,138.3	1,800.7	495.0	587.0	6,458.2	3,698.3	359.9	454.3	70.6	214.6	16,277.0
Jun	2,159.2	1,813.8	498.0	589.4	6,505.1	3,796.3	364.0	457.7	73.3	232.6	16,489.5
Jul	2,161.4	1,814.9	497.3	589.0	6,486.1	3,837.8	368.3	458.3	73.9	242.0	16,529.0
Aug	2,166.7	1,811.9	492.3	587.0	6,507.5	3,814.1	367.7	460.9	73.9	226.3	16,508.5
Sep	2,142.7	1,786.4	480.2	581.8	6,419.5	3,761.0	357.0	443.4	70.9	221.6	16,264.6
Oct	2,160.9	1,791.5	479.9	582.9	6,473.4	3,759.0	351.2	447.1	69.7	215.9	16,331.4
Nov	2,168.0	1,796.6	479.1	583.4	6,459.9	3,734.3	351.7	441.0	67.2	214.0	16,295.1
Dec	2,168.6	1,798.6	474.5	581.9	6,427.1	3,718.2	349.9	439.8	65.9	203.5	16,228.1
2006 Jan	2,122.5	1,780.2	470.8	574.1	6,337.6	3,639.1	342.9	425.0	63.0	193.9	15,949.1
Feb	2,141.7	1,812.8	471.9	577.6	6,340.6	3,667.5	342.4	423.7	63.6	199.9	16,041.7
Mar	2,164.9	1,824.4	474.4	574.2	6,359.6	3,675.3	343.4	428.7	63.2	198.5	16,106.7
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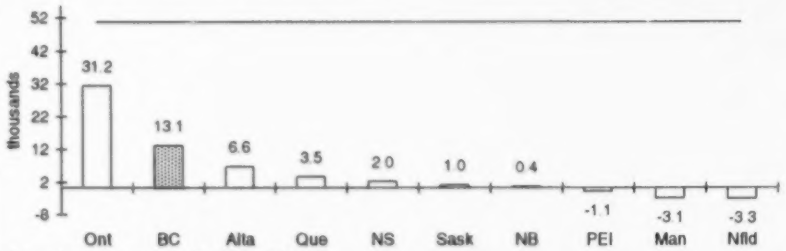
Average:											
Jan-Mar05	2,069.5	1,748.3	476.4	570.4	6,241.2	3,614.1	333.4	426.6	63.3	199.3	15,742.4
Jan-Mar06	2,143.0	1,805.8	472.4	575.3	6,345.9	3,660.6	342.9	425.8	63.3	197.4	16,032.5
% Change	3.6	3.3	-0.9	0.9	1.7	1.3	2.9	-0.2	0.0	-1.0	1.8

Employment Change*('000), March 2006 *Line represents Canada at 50.5*



* Current month over previous month (saadj)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	2,102.4	1,771.8	486.5	579.7	6,327.1	3,705.2	349.9	444.9	68.7	215.5	16,051.7
Feb	2,103.1	1,773.4	487.5	582.7	6,343.5	3,704.3	351.1	442.7	68.8	213.5	16,070.6
Mar	2,104.5	1,777.0	488.8	575.9	6,347.6	3,695.6	349.8	442.3	68.5	216.0	16,065.9
Apr	2,116.9	1,778.6	485.0	576.3	6,378.9	3,695.9	351.4	444.3	68.2	212.5	16,107.9
May	2,130.7	1,783.2	486.0	579.6	6,405.9	3,668.7	355.1	447.5	67.9	211.8	16,136.2
Jun	2,123.8	1,778.6	484.7	579.4	6,406.0	3,704.6	348.0	443.1	67.2	215.7	16,151.2
Jul	2,128.8	1,787.9	484.1	581.5	6,398.8	3,723.1	349.7	442.0	68.1	216.4	16,180.4
Aug	2,137.0	1,787.0	481.8	580.2	6,405.4	3,737.2	349.1	444.0	67.7	211.8	16,201.1
Sep	2,132.4	1,783.5	478.3	579.3	6,425.7	3,728.8	347.6	438.9	68.1	214.1	16,196.6
Oct	2,148.7	1,793.5	478.8	580.5	6,449.9	3,743.7	347.3	443.1	68.2	214.2	16,267.9
Nov	2,169.0	1,796.7	481.0	584.3	6,446.8	3,745.6	351.9	442.3	68.7	217.2	16,303.4
Dec	2,167.1	1,799.8	479.7	583.6	6,433.4	3,755.0	355.3	441.3	68.6	210.9	16,294.7
2006 Jan	2,166.9	1,810.2	482.9	586.3	6,449.0	3,746.3	358.7	442.8	68.7	209.3	16,321.0
Feb	2,175.9	1,835.3	482.2	586.1	6,431.8	3,749.4	359.2	441.7	69.0	215.2	16,345.7
Mar	2,189.0	1,841.9	483.2	583.0	6,463.0	3,752.9	359.6	443.7	67.9	211.9	16,396.2
Average:											
Jan-Mar05	2,103.3	1,774.1	487.6	579.4	6,339.4	3,701.7	350.3	443.3	68.7	215.0	16,062.7
Jan-Mar06	2,177.3	1,829.1	482.8	585.1	6,447.9	3,749.5	359.2	442.7	68.5	212.1	16,354.3
% Change	3.5	3.1	-1.0	1.0	1.7	1.3	2.5	-0.1	-0.2	-1.3	1.8

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1.7	2.9	-0.3	0.2	1.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	3.0	-3.5	0.9
1997	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4	2.1
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.6	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2005 Jan	2.5	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.2	4.0	0.6	1.3
Feb	3.7	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.3	4.3	-0.6	1.5
Mar	3.2	1.6	3.1	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.6	1.4
Apr	3.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.1	1.6	1.0	3.9	-0.3	1.2
May	3.9	1.9	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.6	2.1	1.3	2.5	-1.6	1.4
Jun	2.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.6	1.9	0.0	1.0
Jul	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.6	0.9	1.2	-0.4	-1.2	1.7	-1.1	1.2
Aug	3.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.6	-1.0	0.5	1.0	-1.9	1.5
Sep	2.7	0.7	-0.5	0.3	1.7	0.9	-1.6	-1.4	0.7	1.0	1.3
Oct	3.3	1.8	-1.2	0.1	1.8	1.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.3	1.0	1.6
Nov	4.5	1.7	-1.0	0.6	1.8	1.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	3.2	1.7
Dec	3.6	1.9	-1.3	0.5	1.4	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.0	-2.1	1.6
2006 Jan	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7
Feb	3.5	3.7	-0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.6	-0.4	0.5	1.4	1.7
Mar	4.1	3.9	-1.1	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.9	0.3	-0.8	-1.5	2.1
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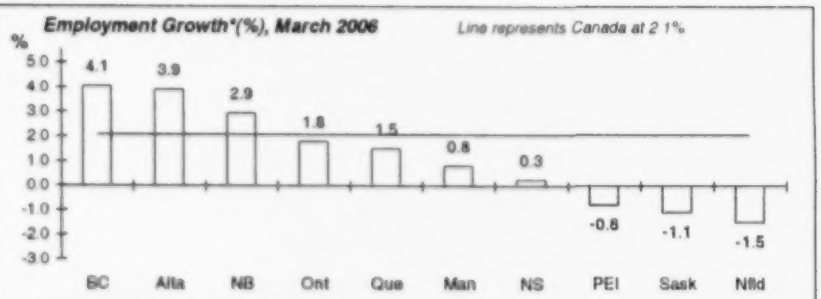

* Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.1
Mar	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.0
Apr	0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.6	-0.4	-1.6	0.3
May	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.2
Jun	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.8	0.1
Jul	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
Aug	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	-2.1	0.1
Sep	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.6	1.1	0.0
Oct	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Nov	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
Dec	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-0.1
2006 Jan	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.8	0.2
Feb	0.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.4	2.8	0.2
Mar	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	-1.6	-1.5	0.3

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	8.7	6.9	6.7	7.3	9.0	11.9	11.6	12.4	14.7	19.1	9.6
1997	8.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	8.4	11.4	12.7	12.2	15.4	18.4	9.1
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2005 Jan	7.2	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.7	9.5	11.2	9.9	14.1	16.5	7.5
Feb	7.6	4.2	5.5	5.4	7.0	9.0	10.6	10.7	13.0	17.2	7.5
Mar	6.7	3.5	5.5	5.5	7.3	8.9	10.5	9.8	13.0	16.9	7.4
Apr	6.2	4.2	5.5	5.1	6.6	8.5	11.2	9.2	15.0	18.8	7.0
May	6.0	3.6	4.3	4.7	7.2	8.5	9.6	7.8	9.5	16.7	7.0
Jun	5.5	3.4	4.2	4.3	6.6	7.4	9.0	7.7	7.8	12.5	6.3
Jul	6.3	3.7	4.9	4.7	7.3	7.9	9.3	7.7	9.1	12.1	6.9
Aug	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.4	7.4	8.3	9.2	7.0	8.7	15.2	7.1
Sep	5.1	3.7	5.5	4.4	6.1	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	13.2	6.2
Oct	4.6	3.8	4.7	4.1	5.9	7.7	9.7	7.7	9.1	13.9	6.1
Nov	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.5	7.9	8.6	8.1	10.6	14.7	6.0
Dec	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.2	5.6	8.3	9.1	8.0	12.1	15.8	6.1
2006 Jan	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2
Feb	5.2	3.2	5.8	4.7	6.3	8.9	10.6	9.5	14.0	16.7	6.7
Mar	4.5	3.3	5.6	4.5	6.5	9.0	10.2	9.0	15.4	17.4	6.7
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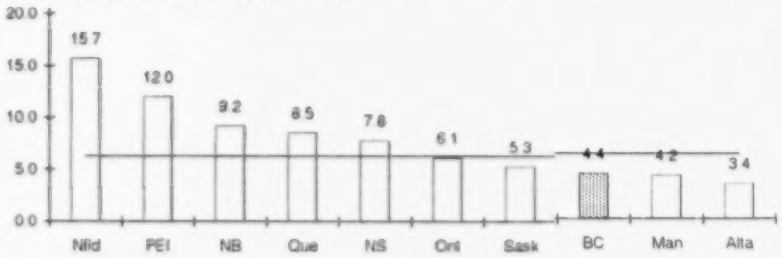
Average:											
Jan-Mar05	7.2	4.2	5.5	5.5	7.0	9.1	10.8	10.1	13.4	16.9	7.5
Jan-Mar06	5.2	3.5	5.8	4.7	6.5	9.2	10.2	9.2	14.6	17.6	6.9

Unemployment Rates*(%), March 2006

Line represents Canada at 6.3%



**Seasonally adjusted*

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	6.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	10.5	14.6	7.0
Feb	7.0	4.0	4.9	4.9	6.8	8.2	9.3	9.8	10.3	15.4	7.0
Mar	6.5	3.6	5.1	5.2	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.4	10.3	15.0	6.9
Apr	6.1	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.7	8.0	9.3	8.4	10.6	16.1	6.8
May	5.9	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.8	8.6	8.9	7.8	10.8	15.3	6.9
Jun	5.8	3.9	4.9	4.8	6.7	8.1	9.9	8.8	11.9	14.0	6.8
Jul	6.1	3.6	4.8	4.7	6.7	8.3	9.8	8.0	11.1	14.5	6.8
Aug	5.7	3.9	5.3	4.6	6.7	8.3	9.7	7.5	11.3	16.6	6.8
Sep	5.6	4.1	6.0	4.8	6.3	8.3	10.6	8.6	11.4	15.5	6.7
Oct	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.5	6.4	8.3	10.9	8.6	11.2	15.2	6.6
Nov	4.9	4.2	5.2	4.1	6.1	8.0	9.4	8.3	10.7	14.8	6.4
Dec	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.2	6.2	8.2	9.6	8.5	11.1	15.4	6.5
2006 Jan	5.1	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	7.8	10.8	16.5	6.6
Feb	4.8	3.1	5.3	4.4	6.2	8.2	9.4	8.4	10.9	15.1	6.4
Mar	4.4	3.4	5.3	4.2	6.1	8.5	9.2	7.8	12.0	15.7	6.3
Average:											
Jan-Mar05	6.7	4.0	4.9	5.1	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.9	10.4	15.0	7.0
Jan-Mar06	4.8	3.3	5.3	4.3	6.3	8.4	9.2	8.0	11.2	15.8	6.4

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	60.0	67.3	61.0	61.6	59.7	54.6	51.8	52.0	56.4	42.3	58.4
1997	60.0	67.8	62.2	62.3	60.2	55.0	52.1	52.5	55.9	42.9	58.9
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7
2005 Jan	60.2	68.8	63.3	64.1	62.3	58.5	54.7	56.2	56.5	46.3	61.2
Feb	60.5	69.0	63.7	64.7	62.6	58.9	54.8	56.0	56.9	45.8	61.5
Mar	60.7	69.2	64.1	64.2	62.4	58.8	54.7	56.3	57.2	46.8	61.4
Apr	60.9	69.0	63.6	64.3	63.0	59.1	55.2	57.1	57.0	46.5	61.8
May	62.2	70.7	66.1	66.1	64.3	59.9	59.0	59.8	63.3	49.9	63.2
Jun	62.7	71.1	66.5	66.3	64.6	61.4	59.7	60.2	65.7	54.2	63.9
Jul	62.7	71.0	66.4	66.2	64.4	62.1	60.3	60.3	66.2	56.4	64.0
Aug	62.7	70.7	65.7	66.0	64.4	61.6	60.2	60.5	66.2	52.7	63.8
Sep	61.9	69.6	64.1	65.4	63.5	60.7	58.4	58.2	63.5	51.6	62.8
Oct	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.5	63.9	60.6	57.4	58.7	62.3	50.3	63.0
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.0	65.5	63.7	60.1	57.5	57.9	60.1	49.8	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.5	63.4	65.4	63.3	59.8	57.2	57.7	58.8	47.4	62.4
2006 Jan	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3
Feb	61.4	69.6	63.1	64.9	62.3	58.9	56.0	55.6	56.8	46.6	61.6
Mar	62.0	69.9	63.5	64.5	62.4	59.0	56.2	56.2	56.4	46.3	61.8
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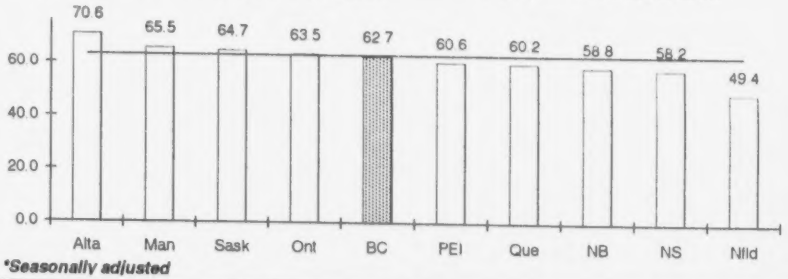
Average:											
Jan-Mar05	60.5	69.0	63.7	64.3	62.4	58.7	54.7	56.2	56.9	46.3	61.4
Jan-Mar06	61.4	69.4	63.2	64.6	62.3	58.8	56.1	55.9	56.5	46.0	61.6

Employment Rates(%), March 2006*

Line represents Canada at 62.9%



**Seasonally adjusted*

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	61.5	70.0	65.1	65.5	63.4	60.3	57.4	58.6	61.8	50.1	62.6
Feb	61.4	70.0	65.2	65.8	63.4	60.2	57.6	58.3	61.8	49.6	62.6
Mar	61.4	70.0	65.3	64.9	63.4	60.0	57.4	58.2	61.5	50.2	62.6
Apr	61.7	70.0	64.8	64.9	63.6	59.9	57.6	58.5	61.2	49.4	62.6
May	61.9	70.0	64.9	65.3	63.8	59.4	58.2	58.9	60.9	49.3	62.7
Jun	61.7	69.7	64.7	65.2	63.7	60.0	57.0	58.3	60.3	50.2	62.6
Jul	61.7	69.9	64.7	65.4	63.5	60.2	57.3	58.1	61.0	50.4	62.7
Aug	61.8	69.7	64.3	65.2	63.4	60.4	57.2	58.3	60.6	49.3	62.7
Sep	61.6	69.5	63.9	65.1	63.5	60.2	56.9	57.6	61.0	49.9	62.6
Oct	62.0	69.7	63.9	65.2	63.7	60.3	56.8	58.2	61.0	49.9	62.7
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.3	65.6	63.6	60.3	57.6	58.1	61.4	50.6	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.6	63.4	60.4	58.1	57.9	61.3	49.1	62.7
2006 Jan	62.2	69.7	64.6	65.9	63.4	60.2	58.7	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.7
Feb	62.4	70.5	64.5	65.8	63.2	60.2	58.8	57.9	61.6	50.2	62.8
Mar	62.7	70.6	64.7	65.5	63.5	60.2	58.8	58.2	60.6	49.4	62.9
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Dec											
Average:											
Jan-Mar05	61.4	70.0	65.2	65.4	63.4	60.2	57.5	58.4	61.7	50.0	62.6
Jan-Mar06	62.4	70.3	64.6	65.7	63.4	60.2	58.8	58.1	61.2	49.5	62.8

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5a Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	533.8	306.8	996.1	26.0	48.8	20.7	96.4	131.6	450.7	231.1	820.3	18.9	40.3	16.0	75.6	271.0	984.5	537.9	1,816.4	44.9	89.1	36.7	172.0
1997	137.5	536.4	318.4	1,007.4	27.8	47.1	20.3	96.0	133.0	461.9	249.3	853.0	20.7	36.1	16.9	74.1	270.6	998.3	567.6	1,860.5	48.6	83.1	37.2	170.1
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2005 Jan	140.8	506.2	412.8	1,088.3	27.6	37.3	21.2	87.3	153.0	449.5	356.8	969.7	17.5	32.5	21.2	71.4	293.8	955.7	769.6	2,058.0	45.1	69.8	42.4	158.8
Feb	147.6	507.1	412.4	1,092.1	26.4	38.7	27.3	93.1	155.4	443.2	363.4	977.7	19.3	32.8	25.6	78.3	303.0	950.3	775.8	2,069.8	45.7	71.5	52.9	171.4
Mar	146.0	512.2	414.2	1,097.1	23.6	34.5	23.4	82.6	155.9	445.0	367.2	983.5	16.2	31.5	18.7	66.4	301.9	957.2	781.4	2,080.6	39.8	66.0	42.1	149.0
Apr	148.6	508.8	418.4	1,104.2	22.2	27.7	24.6	75.6	151.6	449.3	371.3	988.2	16.3	28.7	18.0	63.1	300.2	958.1	789.7	2,092.4	38.5	56.5	42.6	138.7
May	169.0	516.6	423.7	1,138.7	19.5	26.0	20.9	67.2	165.6	456.2	359.6	999.7	25.8	24.9	18.8	69.4	334.6	972.8	783.2	2,138.3	45.3	50.9	39.7	136.6
Jun	175.2	520.4	424.7	1,150.1	20.9	22.8	20.2	64.7	173.8	458.0	360.8	1,009.1	18.5	26.8	15.4	60.7	349.0	978.4	785.5	2,159.2	39.4	49.6	35.6	125.5
Jul	190.0	516.5	422.2	1,157.6	27.2	23.5	24.3	75.8	180.0	457.3	348.0	1,003.8	24.2	24.9	20.4	69.9	370.0	973.7	770.2	2,161.4	51.4	48.4	44.7	145.7
Aug	184.9	517.8	423.9	1,153.6	22.3	25.8	23.0	71.2	181.8	457.9	353.7	1,013.2	19.0	29.0	26.6	75.1	366.7	975.7	777.6	2,166.7	41.3	54.8	49.7	146.4
Sep	171.3	511.2	434.1	1,141.3	16.2	21.1	20.7	58.3	158.9	460.9	363.4	1,001.4	14.7	22.4	20.5	58.1	330.2	972.1	797.5	2,142.7	30.9	43.5	41.3	116.3
Oct	175.0	508.3	439.5	1,147.8	15.5	22.5	16.8	55.9	168.5	467.5	360.6	1,013.1	12.8	19.2	15.0	48.1	343.4	975.7	800.1	2,160.9	28.3	41.7	31.8	104.0
Nov	173.7	513.8	437.3	1,148.9	10.7	21.6	16.8	51.8	171.5	466.6	365.9	1,019.1	9.7	23.8	17.0	51.4	345.2	980.5	803.2	2,168.0	20.4	45.5	33.8	103.2
Dec	175.8	518.6	429.9	1,146.7	11.6	23.3	17.9	54.2	171.8	476.3	359.4	1,021.9	11.0	15.8	16.8	44.9	347.6	994.9	789.3	2,168.6	22.6	39.1	34.7	99.0
2006 Jan	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
Feb	166.0	510.4	427.7	1,130.3	16.9	23.7	20.4	63.5	169.8	460.2	364.5	1,011.4	11.9	26.1	16.4	55.0	335.9	970.6	792.1	2,141.7	28.8	49.9	36.8	118.5
Mar	168.8	513.4	432.6	1,143.4	14.8	22.0	15.0	53.4	169.8	461.1	372.0	1,021.5	11.3	23.4	14.0	49.5	338.6	974.5	804.5	2,164.9	26.1	45.4	29.0	102.9
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Average:																								
Jan-Mar05	144.8	508.5	413.1	1,092.5	25.9	36.8	24.0	87.7	154.8	445.9	362.5	977.0	17.7	32.3	21.8	72.0	299.6	954.4	775.6	2,069.5	43.5	69.1	45.8	159.7
Jan-Mar06	165.0	510.0	427.9	1,128.9	16.3	25.3	18.1	61.8	168.4	463.0	365.9	1,014.1	11.8	25.5	17.2	55.3	333.4	973.0	793.7	2,143.0	28.1	50.8	35.3	117.1
% Change	14.0	0.3	3.6	3.3	-37.1	-31.3	-24.3	-29.5	8.8	3.8	0.9	3.8	-33.2	-20.9	-21.2	-23.2	11.3	1.9	2.3	3.6	-35.5	-26.4	-22.9	-26.7

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	92.3	79.5	72.9	15.7	8.4	6.3	8.8	62.2	78.3	60.4	58.5	12.6	8.2	6.5	8.4	63.8	85.3	70.0	65.6	14.2	8.3	6.4	8.7
1997	63.7	91.9	79.2	72.1	16.8	8.1	6.0	8.7	61.6	78.3	62.5	59.1	13.5	7.2	6.3	8.0	62.6	85.1	70.8	65.5	15.2	7.7	6.1	8.4
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2005 Jan	58.4	91.6	78.9	69.9	16.4	6.9	4.9	7.4	61.5	79.6	67.2	59.9	10.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	59.9	85.6	73.0	64.9	13.3	6.8	5.2	7.2
Feb	60.2	92.0	79.7	70.4	15.2	7.1	6.2	7.9	63.0	78.7	69.0	60.7	11.0	6.9	6.6	7.4	61.5	85.3	74.3	65.5	13.1	7.0	6.4	7.6
Mar	58.6	92.1	79.1	70.0	13.9	6.3	5.3	7.0	61.9	78.7	68.2	60.2	9.4	6.6	4.8	6.3	60.2	85.3	73.6	65.0	11.6	6.5	5.1	6.7
Apr	58.9	90.4	79.9	69.9	13.0	5.2	5.6	6.4	60.4	78.9	68.7	60.2	9.7	6.0	4.6	6.0	59.6	84.6	74.2	65.0	11.4	5.6	5.1	6.2
May	65.0	91.4	79.9	71.3	10.3	4.8	4.7	5.6	68.8	79.4	66.5	61.2	13.5	5.2	5.0	6.5	66.8	85.3	73.2	66.1	11.9	5.0	4.8	6.0
Jun	67.5	91.5	79.8	71.7	10.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	69.0	80.0	66.0	61.1	9.6	5.5	4.1	5.7	68.2	85.7	72.8	66.3	10.1	4.8	4.3	5.5
Jul	74.6	90.9	79.9	72.7	12.5	4.4	5.4	6.1	73.2	79.5	64.4	61.3	11.8	5.2	5.5	6.5	73.9	85.1	72.1	66.9	12.2	4.7	5.5	6.3
Aug	71.0	91.5	79.7	72.1	10.8	4.7	5.1	5.8	71.8	80.3	66.3	62.0	9.5	6.0	7.0	6.9	71.4	85.8	72.9	66.9	10.1	5.3	6.0	6.3
Sep	64.1	89.6	80.9	70.4	8.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	62.0	79.7	66.8	60.2	8.5	4.6	5.3	5.5	63.1	84.6	73.7	65.2	8.6	4.3	4.9	5.1
Oct	65.0	89.3	81.0	70.6	8.1	4.2	3.7	4.6	64.6	80.2	65.1	60.2	7.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	64.8	84.7	73.0	65.3	7.6	4.1	3.8	4.6
Nov	62.9	90.0	80.4	70.3	5.8	4.0	3.7	4.3	64.5	80.8	66.2	60.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.8	63.7	85.3	73.2	65.4	5.6	4.4	4.0	4.5
Dec	63.8	91.0	79.1	70.2	6.2	4.3	4.0	4.5	65.1	81.0	64.9	60.4	6.0	3.2	4.5	4.2	64.4	86.0	71.9	65.2	6.1	3.8	4.2	4.4
2006 Jan	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8
Feb	62.3	89.7	78.7	69.6	9.2	4.4	4.6	5.3	64.6	80.1	65.3	60.2	6.5	5.4	4.3	5.2	63.4	84.8	71.9	64.8	7.9	4.9	4.4	5.2
Mar	62.5	89.8	78.4	69.6	8.1	4.1	3.4	4.5	64.4	79.8	66.1	60.4	6.2	4.8	3.6	4.6	63.4	84.7	72.2	64.9	7.2	4.5	3.5	4.5
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Average:																								
Jan-Mar05	59.1	91.9	79.2	70.1	15.2	6.8	5.5	7.4	62.1	79.0	68.1	60.3	10.2	6.7	5.7	6.9	60.5	85.4	73.6	65.1	12.7	6.8	5.6	7.2
Jan-Mar06	61.7	89.9	78.3	69.4	9.0	4.7	4.1	5.2	64.1	80.5	65.7	60.4	6.5	5.2	4.5	5.2	62.9	85.1	71.9	64.8	7.8	5.0	4.3	5.2

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5c B. Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	856.8	996.1	26.0	70.4	96.4	131.6	688.7	820.3	18.9	56.7	75.6	271.0	1,545.4	1,816.4	44.9	127.1	172.0
1997	137.5	869.9	1,007.4	27.8	68.2	96.0	133.0	720.0	853.0	20.7	53.3	74.1	270.6	1,589.9	1,860.5	48.6	121.5	170.1
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2005 Jan	152.7	965.3	1,118.1	25.6	52.7	78.4	159.7	824.6	984.3	17.1	51.1	68.2	312.4	1,790.0	2,102.4	42.7	103.8	146.5
Feb	157.7	957.2	1,114.9	24.8	57.4	82.2	161.0	827.2	988.2	20.8	55.6	76.4	318.7	1,784.4	2,103.1	45.6	113.0	158.5
Mar	154.5	960.9	1,115.4	23.8	53.1	76.9	162.3	826.8	989.1	18.9	50.6	69.5	316.8	1,787.7	2,104.5	42.7	103.7	146.4
Apr	156.3	965.4	1,121.7	23.7	48.4	72.1	159.4	835.8	995.3	16.8	48.3	65.1	315.7	1,801.2	2,116.9	40.5	96.6	137.1
May	167.2	966.2	1,133.4	17.8	47.3	65.1	161.9	835.4	997.3	23.5	44.4	67.9	329.1	1,801.6	2,130.7	41.3	91.7	133.0
Jun	165.8	963.6	1,129.3	21.9	45.9	67.7	167.9	826.6	994.5	18.1	45.8	63.9	333.7	1,790.2	2,123.8	39.9	91.7	131.6
Jul	169.8	958.8	1,128.6	21.5	52.8	74.3	167.1	833.1	1,000.2	18.0	45.7	63.7	336.9	1,791.9	2,128.8	39.5	98.5	138.0
Aug	167.3	959.7	1,127.0	20.1	48.2	68.3	169.3	840.6	1,010.0	15.4	46.0	61.4	336.6	1,800.3	2,137.0	35.5	94.2	129.7
Sep	174.8	957.4	1,132.2	17.2	50.8	68.0	163.9	836.3	1,000.1	14.4	44.7	59.2	338.7	1,793.7	2,132.4	31.6	95.6	127.2
Oct	176.4	963.4	1,139.8	17.7	48.3	66.0	171.5	837.4	1,008.9	13.4	36.3	49.7	348.0	1,800.7	2,148.7	31.1	84.6	115.7
Nov	176.4	974.0	1,150.4	12.8	44.1	57.0	172.5	846.1	1,018.6	12.1	42.3	54.4	348.9	1,820.1	2,169.0	24.9	86.4	111.4
Dec	177.3	976.7	1,154.0	14.2	44.7	59.0	170.6	842.5	1,013.1	16.3	40.6	56.8	347.9	1,819.1	2,167.1	30.5	85.3	115.8
2006 Jan	173.8	971.4	1,145.2	15.8	44.1	59.9	172.0	849.7	1,021.7	12.8	45.0	57.7	345.8	1,821.1	2,166.9	28.5	89.1	117.6
Feb	176.5	978.0	1,154.5	15.5	39.1	54.6	174.7	846.7	1,021.5	13.2	41.3	54.6	351.3	1,824.7	2,175.9	28.7	80.4	109.2
Mar	178.5	983.8	1,162.3	15.0	34.1	49.1	175.6	851.1	1,026.7	13.9	38.8	52.7	354.1	1,834.9	2,189.0	28.9	72.9	101.8
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Average:																		
Jan-Mar05	155.0	961.1	1,116.1	24.7	54.4	79.2	161.0	826.2	987.2	18.9	52.4	71.4	316.0	1,787.4	2,103.3	43.7	106.8	150.5
Jan-Mar06	176.3	977.7	1,154.0	15.4	39.1	54.5	174.1	849.2	1,023.3	13.3	41.7	55.0	350.4	1,826.9	2,177.3	28.7	80.8	109.5
% Change	13.7	1.7	3.4	-37.6	-28.1	-31.1	8.1	2.8	3.7	-29.8	-20.5	-22.9	10.9	2.2	3.5	-34.3	-24.4	-27.2

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	74.5	72.9	15.7	7.6	8.8	55.1	68.8	66.5	62.2	57.8	58.5	12.6	7.6	8.4	54.4	53.4	53.6	63.8	66.0	65.6	14.2	7.6	8.7	54.7	61.0	60.0
1997	63.7	73.9	72.1	16.8	7.3	8.7	52.9	68.5	65.8	61.6	58.6	59.1	13.5	6.9	8.0	53.3	54.6	54.4	62.6	66.1	65.5	15.2	7.1	8.4	53.1	61.4	60.0
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2005 Jan	61.8	73.1	71.2	14.3	5.2	6.6	52.9	69.3	66.5	63.8	60.0	60.6	9.7	5.8	6.5	57.6	56.5	56.7	62.8	66.4	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.2	62.8	61.5
Feb	63.2	72.8	71.1	13.6	5.7	6.9	54.6	68.7	66.2	65.5	60.4	61.2	11.4	6.3	7.2	58.0	56.6	56.8	64.3	66.4	66.1	12.5	6.0	7.0	56.3	62.5	61.4
Mar	61.6	72.6	70.7	13.4	5.2	6.4	53.4	68.8	66.1	65.2	59.9	60.7	10.4	5.8	6.6	58.4	56.4	56.8	63.3	66.1	65.6	11.9	5.5	6.5	55.8	62.5	61.4
Apr	62.1	72.5	70.7	13.2	4.8	6.0	53.9	69.0	66.4	63.4	60.3	60.8	9.5	5.5	6.1	57.3	57.0	57.0	62.7	66.2	65.7	11.4	5.1	6.1	55.6	62.9	61.7
May	63.7	72.3	70.9	9.6	4.7	5.4	57.6	69.0	67.0	66.6	59.9	60.9	12.7	5.0	6.4	58.2	56.8	57.1	65.1	66.0	65.8	11.2	4.8	5.9	57.9	62.8	61.9
Jun	64.5	71.9	70.7	11.7	4.5	5.7	57.0	68.7	66.7	66.7	59.3	60.5	9.7	5.2	6.0	60.2	56.2	56.8	65.6	65.5	65.5	10.7	4.9	5.8	58.6	62.3	61.7
Jul	65.7	72.0	70.9	11.2	5.2	6.2	58.3	68.2	66.5	66.3	59.6	60.7	9.7	5.2	6.0	59.9	56.5	57.1	66.0	65.6	65.7	10.5	5.2	6.1	59.1	62.2	61.7
Aug	64.2	71.6	70.3	10.7	4.8	5.7	57.4	68.2	66.3	66.1	60.0	61.0	8.3	5.2	5.7	60.6	56.9	57.5	65.1	65.7	65.6	9.5	5.0	5.7	58.9	62.4	61.8
Sep	65.7	71.5	70.5	9.0	5.0	5.7	59.8	67.9	66.5	63.7	59.6	60.2	8.1	5.1	5.6	58.5	56.5	56.9	64.7	65.4	65.3	8.5	5.1	5.6	59.2	62.1	61.6
Oct	66.2	71.6	70.7	9.1	4.8	5.5	60.2	68.2	66.8	65.9	59.0	60.1	7.2	4.2	4.7	61.1	56.5	57.3	66.1	65.1	65.3	8.2	4.5	5.1	60.7	62.2	62.0
Nov	64.5	71.9	70.7	6.8	4.3	4.7	60.2	68.8	67.3	65.7	59.9	60.8	6.6	4.8	5.1	61.4	57.0	57.7	65.1	65.8	65.7	6.7	4.5	4.9	60.8	62.8	62.4
Dec	65.2	72.0	70.9	7.4	4.4	4.9	60.4	68.9	67.4	66.5	59.4	60.6	8.7	4.6	5.3	60.7	56.7	57.3	65.9	65.6	65.6	8.1	4.5	5.1	60.6	62.6	62.3
2006 Jan	64.6	71.5	70.3	8.3	4.3	5.0	59.2	68.4	66.8	65.7	60.1	61.0	6.9	5.0	5.3	61.2	57.1	57.7	65.1	65.7	65.6	7.6	4.7	5.1	60.2	62.6	62.2
Feb	65.4	71.5	70.4	8.1	3.8	4.5	60.1	68.7	67.3	66.8	59.6	60.7	7.0	4.7	5.1	62.1	56.8	57.7	66.1	65.4	65.5	7.6	4.2	4.8	61.1	62.6	62.4
Mar	65.9	71.4	70.5	7.8	3.4	4.1	60.8	69.1	67.6	67.3	59.6	60.9	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.4	57.0	57.9	66.6	65.4	65.6	7.5	3.8	4.4	61.6	62.9	62.7
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Jan-Mar05	62.2	72.8	71.0	13.8	5.4	6.6	53.6	68.9	66.3	64.8	60.1	60.8	10.5	6.0	6.8	58.0	56.5	56.8	63.5	66.3	65.8	12.1	5.7	6.7	55.8	62.6	61.4
Jan-Mar06	65.3	71.5	70.4	8.1	3.8	4.5	60.0	68.7	67.2	66.6	59.8	60.9	7.1	4.7	5.1	61.9	57.0	57.8	65.9	65.5	65.6	7.6	4.2	4.8	61.0	62.7	62.4

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

6 Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1996	887.4	108.8	996.1	10.9	563.4	256.8	820.3	31.3	1,450.8	365.6	1,816.4	20.1
1997	893.5	113.9	1,007.4	11.3	580.2	272.8	853.0	32.0	1,473.7	386.7	1,860.5	20.8
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
	seasonally adjusted											
2005 Jan	1,002.2	115.9	1,118.1	10.4	685.5	298.8	984.3	30.4	1,687.7	414.7	2,102.4	19.7
Feb	992.0	122.9	1,114.9	11.0	683.1	305.1	988.2	30.9	1,675.1	428.0	2,103.1	20.4
Mar	985.5	129.9	1,115.4	11.6	686.6	302.5	989.1	30.6	1,672.1	432.4	2,104.5	20.5
Apr	999.7	121.9	1,121.7	10.9	682.3	313.0	995.3	31.4	1,682.0	435.0	2,116.9	20.5
May	1,009.7	123.8	1,133.4	10.9	692.5	304.8	997.3	30.6	1,702.2	428.5	2,130.7	20.1
Jun	985.7	143.6	1,129.3	12.7	685.2	309.2	994.5	31.1	1,670.9	452.9	2,123.8	21.3
Jul	995.9	132.7	1,128.6	11.8	702.7	297.4	1,000.2	29.7	1,698.6	430.1	2,128.8	20.2
Aug	990.1	136.9	1,127.0	12.1	699.1	310.9	1,010.0	30.8	1,689.2	447.8	2,137.0	21.0
Sep	997.4	134.8	1,132.2	11.9	691.9	308.2	1,000.1	30.8	1,689.4	443.0	2,132.4	20.8
Oct	1,006.7	133.1	1,139.8	11.7	694.6	314.3	1,008.9	31.2	1,701.3	447.4	2,148.7	20.8
Nov	1,018.1	132.3	1,150.4	11.5	708.0	310.6	1,018.6	30.5	1,726.1	442.9	2,169.0	20.4
Dec	1,027.5	126.5	1,154.0	11.0	702.1	311.0	1,013.1	30.7	1,729.6	437.5	2,167.1	20.2
2006 Jan	1,018.7	126.5	1,145.2	11.0	717.8	303.9	1,021.7	29.7	1,736.5	430.4	2,166.9	19.9
Feb	1,004.1	150.3	1,154.5	13.0	709.3	312.2	1,021.5	30.6	1,713.4	462.5	2,175.9	21.3
Mar	1,016.0	146.3	1,162.3	12.6	714.3	312.4	1,026.7	30.4	1,730.3	458.7	2,189.0	21.0
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Average:												
Jan-Mar05	993.2	122.9	1,116.1	11.0	685.1	302.1	987.2	30.6	1,678.3	425.0	2,103.3	20.2
Jan-Mar06	1,012.9	141.0	1,154.0	12.2	713.8	309.5	1,023.3	30.2	1,726.7	450.5	2,177.3	20.7
% Change	2.0	14.8	3.4		4.2	2.4	3.7		2.9	6.0	3.5	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		408.2		30.7		55.1		10.3		192.8		119.3	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	54.0	-2.0	9.9	-3.9	196.2	1.8	123.1	3.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	51.3	-5.0	11.1	12.1	195.9	-0.2	117.2	-4.8
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
	seasonally adjusted													
2005 Jan	2,102.4		458.9		39.6		37.5		8.1		209.4		164.3	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	460.6	0.4	40.4	2.0	38.7	3.2	9.5	17.3	206.7	-1.3	165.5	0.7
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	449.2	-2.5	39.5	-2.2	36.1	-6.7	10.2	7.4	199.5	-3.5	164.0	-0.9
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	455.5	1.4	40.7	3.0	40.1	11.1	10.4	2.0	196.1	-1.7	168.3	2.6
May	2,130.7	0.7	452.0	-0.8	38.6	-5.2	41.4	3.2	12.9	24.0	194.3	-0.9	164.9	-2.0
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	450.4	-0.4	39.2	1.6	40.5	-2.2	13.3	3.1	191.4	-1.5	166.0	0.7
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	458.4	1.8	42.6	8.7	35.3	-12.8	13.0	-2.3	199.6	4.3	167.9	1.1
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	447.6	-2.4	37.9	-11.0	37.1	5.1	11.2	-13.8	192.6	-3.5	168.8	0.5
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	443.6	-0.9	35.6	-6.1	35.8	-3.5	10.3	-8.0	195.5	1.5	166.3	-1.5
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	443.2	-0.1	36.7	3.1	37.0	3.4	9.7	-5.8	192.7	-1.4	167.1	0.5
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	457.3	3.2	34.3	-6.5	35.0	-5.4	8.2	-15.5	207.1	7.5	172.7	3.4
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	457.0	-0.1	39.6	15.5	36.4	4.0	7.3	-11.0	193.4	-6.6	180.4	4.5
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	443.2	-3.0	34.2	-13.6	40.6	11.5	8.6	17.8	191.4	-1.0	168.3	-6.7
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	460.8	4.0	36.0	5.3	39.2	-3.4	8.0	-7.0	204.3	6.7	173.3	3.0
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	467.7	1.5	36.4	1.1	39.8	1.5	7.2	-10.0	207.1	1.4	177.2	2.3
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Average:														
Jan-Mar05	2,103.3		456.2		39.8		37.4		9.3		205.2		164.6	
Jan-Mar06	2,177.3		457.2		35.5		39.9		7.9		200.9		172.9	
% Change	3.5		0.2		-10.8		6.5		-14.4		-2.1		5.1	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Community and Personal Service: Education		Community and Personal Service: Health & Social Services		Community and Personal Service: Accommod., Food & Bev.		Community and Personal Service: Other Service		Public Administration	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		108.2		118.4		183.3		140.8		235.9		106.1	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	112.1	3.6	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	243.2	3.1	100.7	-5.1
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	122.8	9.5	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	253.2	4.1	93.8	-6.9
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
	seasonally adjusted																			
2005 Jan	1,643.5		114.9		321.4		128.3		155.9		139.1		220.4		177.1		292.7		93.8	
Feb	1,642.5	-0.1	113.5	-1.2	322.2	0.2	130.9	2.0	161.7	3.7	143.3	3.0	218.9	-0.7	166.8	-5.8	291.1	-0.5	93.9	0.1
Mar	1,655.3	0.8	114.2	0.6	328.0	1.8	137.3	4.9	163.1	0.9	143.5	0.1	216.4	-1.1	166.0	-0.5	292.1	0.3	94.8	1.0
Apr	1,661.4	0.4	110.7	-3.1	323.2	-1.5	131.7	-4.1	167.2	2.5	149.2	4.0	213.7	-1.2	178.5	7.5	292.1	0.0	95.3	0.5
May	1,678.7	1.0	119.0	7.5	329.1	1.8	134.9	2.4	167.3	0.1	149.2	0.0	208.3	-2.5	177.2	-0.7	290.7	-0.5	103.1	8.2
Jun	1,673.4	-0.3	118.1	-0.8	321.4	-2.3	139.8	3.6	171.5	2.5	151.4	1.5	209.7	0.7	173.3	-2.2	292.0	0.4	96.3	-6.6
Jul	1,670.4	-0.2	124.0	5.0	323.4	0.6	135.6	-3.0	163.8	-4.5	153.9	1.7	211.9	1.0	179.5	3.6	283.3	-3.0	95.1	-1.2
Aug	1,689.4	1.1	122.9	-0.9	338.4	4.6	137.0	1.0	164.3	0.3	149.5	-2.9	220.2	3.9	174.3	-2.9	286.6	1.2	96.2	1.2
Sep	1,688.8	0.0	124.9	1.6	342.4	1.2	127.4	-7.0	158.1	-3.8	148.3	-0.8	220.7	0.2	177.4	1.8	294.7	2.8	94.9	-1.4
Oct	1,705.5	1.0	121.6	-2.6	359.8	5.1	129.2	1.4	159.6	0.9	139.9	-5.7	225.1	2.0	178.9	0.8	298.6	1.3	92.8	-2.2
Nov	1,711.7	0.4	120.8	-0.7	353.1	-1.9	131.9	2.1	166.6	4.4	142.0	1.5	225.7	0.3	178.6	-0.2	301.8	1.1	91.2	-1.7
Dec	1,710.0	-0.1	118.4	-2.0	351.4	-0.5	131.1	-0.6	164.5	-1.3	146.1	2.9	218.2	-3.3	181.4	1.6	305.1	1.1	93.8	2.9
2006 Jan	1,723.7	0.8	124.2	4.9	352.0	0.2	128.0	-2.4	166.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	210.6	-3.5	180.3	-0.6	312.7	2.5	97.4	3.8
Feb	1,715.2	-0.5	128.7	3.6	361.1	2.6	129.4	1.1	171.6	3.1	150.2	-1.2	213.2	1.2	174.8	-3.1	292.4	-6.5	93.6	-3.9
Mar	1,721.3	0.4	126.1	-2.0	358.9	-0.6	132.7	2.6	166.1	-3.2	153.1	1.9	224.3	5.2	161.8	-7.4	304.0	4.0	94.3	0.7
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Average:																				
Jan-Mar05	1,647.1		114.2		323.9		132.2		160.2		142.0		218.6		170.0		292.0		94.2	
Jan-Mar06	1,720.1		126.3		357.3		130.0		168.1		151.8		216.0		172.3		303.0		95.1	
% Change	4.4		10.6		10.3		-1.6		4.9		6.9		-1.2		1.4		3.8		1.0	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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Source: Statistics Canada

8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1996	186.0	3.3	327.0	3.7	98.5	4.0	91.1	2.3	143.9	3.1	56.8	5.3	460.6	7.2	297.1	9.1	71.9	14.5	83.5	8.4	1,816.4	8.7
1997	180.0	2.9	339.9	3.7	103.1	3.3	97.9	1.8	141.8	3.4	56.3	6.5	477.7	5.8	311.6	7.1	68.9	15.5	83.3	8.3	1,860.5	8.4
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2005 Jan	184.5	2.5	375.6	3.0	129.2	3.5	124.2	1.5	159.2	2.6	64.8	7.7	543.4	6.7	311.8	8.4	59.5	15.6	105.8	4.9	2,058.0	7.2
Feb	186.8	2.5	379.5	2.8	126.7	5.0	122.4	1.1	166.8	3.1	58.4	2.0	546.4	7.0	320.1	6.8	62.7	14.9	100.0	7.0	2,069.8	7.6
Mar	177.6	2.8	385.4	2.4	125.3	2.2	111.4	1.2	176.3	3.3	66.2	2.5	551.6	6.1	325.0	6.0	64.6	11.1	97.1	7.9	2,080.6	6.7
Apr	190.2	2.6	375.6	3.3	139.5	1.7	110.0	1.5	172.3	2.5	65.8	1.9	552.9	4.5	322.8	5.5	69.0	10.7	94.4	8.9	2,092.4	6.2
May	183.4	2.9	401.0	3.5	139.3	3.7	104.6	0.9	180.4	1.3	65.8	5.7	558.1	4.3	332.8	3.9	76.9	9.4	96.0	5.6	2,138.3	6.0
Jun	176.7	2.5	391.2	3.7	142.4	3.7	115.7	1.7	182.4	0.7	78.3	4.6	556.5	3.2	342.6	3.4	83.4	6.8	90.1	9.0	2,159.2	5.5
Jul	187.1	2.9	394.2	3.3	142.9	2.3	119.0	0.4	161.2	4.0	69.0	8.6	556.2	4.6	349.1	3.2	84.9	5.8	97.9	6.8	2,161.4	6.3
Aug	189.7	1.4	390.8	4.1	144.8	2.0	122.9	0.8	163.1	5.7	69.0	7.8	562.3	5.3	344.8	3.6	83.1	7.3	96.2	4.1	2,166.7	6.3
Sep	193.2	2.6	384.2	2.0	139.3	2.3	129.2	1.0	172.4	2.1	70.0	4.9	559.3	3.7	329.0	3.4	73.0	9.3	93.0	5.3	2,142.7	5.1
Oct	207.4	2.4	377.2	2.6	126.0	3.0	124.8	1.3	179.6	1.4	81.3	4.7	571.5	3.4	325.3	3.6	77.0	6.0	90.8	4.9	2,160.9	4.6
Nov	220.9	1.4	366.1	2.9	136.3	3.8	126.8	1.4	175.3	1.6	84.1	3.3	567.2	4.0	333.8	2.8	59.5	10.1	97.9	2.9	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	218.2	1.3	374.7	1.8	141.7	2.3	112.4	1.1	179.5	2.3	83.2	2.9	570.3	3.3	332.6	3.8	61.8	10.2	94.2	5.2	2,168.6	4.4
2006 Jan	205.8	2.0	374.7	2.8	150.6	2.5	112.6	2.0	175.6	1.1	77.9	4.9	563.0	4.3	322.9	6.0	56.5	14.1	82.8	7.9	2,122.5	5.8
Feb	214.0	1.7	375.9	2.3	152.6	2.4	116.6	1.5	175.2	2.3	79.2	2.3	543.7	4.2	331.7	5.0	62.8	10.9	90.1	6.7	2,141.7	5.2
Mar	211.7	1.6	369.1	2.7	146.5	2.6	110.2	1.3	183.3	2.7	82.4	3.3	549.3	3.4	347.7	3.7	68.9	7.6	95.9	2.9	2,164.9	4.5
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Average:																						
Jan-Mar05	183.0	2.6	380.2	2.7	127.1	3.6	119.3	1.3	167.4	3.0	63.1	4.1	547.1	6.6	319.0	7.0	62.3	13.9	101.0	6.6	2,069.5	7.2
Jan-Mar06	210.5	1.8	373.2	2.6	149.9	2.5	113.1	1.6	178.0	2.0	79.8	3.5	552.0	4.0	334.1	4.9	62.7	10.9	89.6	5.9	2,143.0	5.2
% Change	15.0		-1.8		18.0		-5.2		6.3		26.5		0.9		4.7		0.7		-11.3		3.6	

NOTES: 1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS ***Source: Statistics Canada***

9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1996	1,816.4	8.7	946.5	7.9	142.7	8.6	62.7	11.4	308.7	9.4	1071.4	8.2	200.3	10.5	65.8	8.7	86.2	8.6	51.7	7.5	32.3	7.2
1997	1,860.5	8.4	966.4	8.2	149.8	7.6	68.2	8.0	322.0	8.7	1098.9	8.2	206.1	8.3	65.3	9.3	83.3	9.8	51.8	9.0	33.1	4.6
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1,216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1,251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2005 Jan	2,075.5	6.3	1,136.1	6.0	162.2	5.1	75.3	6.9	335.8	7.0	1,275.2	6.0	233.9	5.7	71.5	7.8	81.3	6.9	44.5	9.6	33.4	4.9
Feb	2,073.8	6.8	1,141.0	6.3	162.6	5.3	74.2	7.1	334.8	7.8	1,278.7	6.3	233.1	6.7	68.9	8.7	80.1	8.1	43.9	10.0	34.5	4.4
Mar	2,069.4	7.2	1,142.3	6.7	163.0	5.6	75.8	6.4	331.3	8.6	1,284.1	6.6	229.9	6.6	68.0	7.9	77.8	9.8	43.3	11.5	35.0	4.9
Apr	2,080.9	6.8	1,146.1	6.3	165.6	4.9	76.7	5.9	334.6	7.9	1,292.3	6.3	229.8	6.3	68.8	8.1	76.1	10.5	43.9	10.2	35.5	4.1
May	2,103.8	6.3	1,151.6	6.1	169.0	4.1	77.5	5.8	341.7	6.5	1,301.8	6.1	234.3	5.7	69.5	6.3	76.0	9.5	45.1	8.7	35.4	5.6
Jun	2,130.0	5.9	1,156.8	6.0	171.3	3.5	77.7	5.8	351.5	5.2	1,308.8	5.9	240.9	5.5	70.0	5.1	76.7	9.6	46.7	7.2	35.3	5.4
Jul	2,153.0	5.9	1,161.3	6.3	172.9	3.6	78.7	5.7	357.4	5.4	1,315.9	6.2	246.8	5.2	70.0	4.0	79.4	7.6	48.3	6.8	35.2	5.1
Aug	2,162.4	6.0	1,160.2	6.5	173.6	4.1	79.1	4.9	361.8	5.7	1,316.5	6.3	248.9	5.3	70.4	5.2	80.3	7.0	50.0	5.7	34.6	4.4
Sep	2,156.9	5.9	1,154.4	6.2	173.2	4.7	79.1	5.3	359.8	6.4	1,310.8	6.1	252.5	4.9	70.3	6.3	81.0	5.4	49.3	5.7	33.3	4.3
Oct	2,156.8	5.4	1,152.1	5.4	173.4	4.7	79.3	4.8	360.9	5.9	1,308.1	5.3	254.5	4.9	71.1	5.7	81.8	5.1	47.6	6.1	32.7	4.4
Nov	2,157.2	4.8	1,160.8	4.5	171.2	4.4	80.1	5.2	356.5	5.7	1,316.8	4.5	252.4	4.4	70.8	5.2	83.4	4.8	45.2	6.8	32.1	4.5
Dec	2,165.9	4.5	1,169.5	4.1	169.4	4.0	80.7	4.9	357.4	5.3	1,325.6	4.2	252.6	4.1	68.4	5.4	84.9	4.8	43.5	7.6	33.5	NA
2006 Jan	2,153.1	4.9	1,163.0	4.5	167.0	4.0	81.1	5.5	356.0	5.4	1,318.7	4.6	250.3	4.1	66.8	6.4	84.7	5.8	42.4	9.4	34.2	NA
Feb	2,144.3	5.1	1,152.3	4.8	168.0	3.8	81.2	5.0	360.9	5.3	1,307.2	4.8	249.7	5.0	65.9	7.2	84.1	5.8	41.8	9.7	34.7	NA
Mar	2,143.1	5.2	1,149.3	4.8	170.5	3.8	81.4	4.9	364.1	5.3	1,304.2	4.9	249.1	5.5	66.3	6.5	83.5	6.1	41.7	9.1	34.1	NA
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Jan-Mar05	2,069.5	7.2	1,142.3	6.7	163.0	5.5	75.8	6.4	331.2	8.6	1,284.1	6.6	229.9	6.6	68.0	7.8	77.8	9.8	43.3	11.5	35.0	NA
Jan-Mar06	2,143.0	5.2	1,149.3	4.8	170.5	3.8	81.4	4.9	364.1	5.2	1,304.2	4.9	249.1	5.6	66.3	6.4	83.5	6.1	41.7	9.2	34.1	NA
% Change	3.6		0.6		4.6		7.4		9.9		1.6		8.3		-2.6		7.4		-3.6		-2.5	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		1,489.5		332.1		1,157.4		326.9	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	1,500.4	0.7	336.2	1.2	1,164.2	0.6	360.1	10.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	1,474.6	-1.7	333.7	-0.7	1,140.8	-2.0	383.8	6.6
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
	seasonally adjusted									
2005 Jan	2,102.4		1,697.9		367.2		1,330.7		404.5	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	1,694.3	-0.2	370.2	0.8	1,324.2	-0.5	408.8	1.1
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	1,689.6	-0.3	355.5	-4.0	1,334.0	0.7	414.9	1.5
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	1,702.7	0.8	365.5	2.8	1,337.2	0.2	414.2	-0.2
May	2,130.7	0.7	1,736.3	2.0	376.7	3.1	1,359.6	1.7	394.5	-4.8
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	1,717.8	-1.1	379.7	0.8	1,338.0	-1.6	406.0	2.9
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	1,708.9	-0.5	376.9	-0.7	1,332.0	-0.4	419.9	3.4
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	1,718.8	0.6	373.8	-0.8	1,345.0	1.0	418.1	-0.4
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	1,713.0	-0.3	368.8	-1.3	1,344.2	-0.1	419.3	0.3
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	1,715.4	0.1	367.7	-0.3	1,347.7	0.3	433.3	3.3
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	1,743.9	1.7	367.2	-0.1	1,376.7	2.2	425.1	-1.9
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	1,736.6	-0.4	368.8	0.4	1,367.8	-0.6	430.5	1.3
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	1,756.3	1.1	382.3	3.7	1,374.0	0.5	410.7	-4.6
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	1,767.1	0.6	372.8	-2.5	1,394.3	1.5	408.9	-0.4
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	1,772.5	0.3	382.1	2.5	1,390.5	-0.3	416.5	1.9
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Dec										
Average:										
Jan-Mar05	2,103.3		1,693.9		364.3		1,329.6		409.4	
Jan-Mar06	2,177.3		1,765.3		379.1		1,386.3		412.0	
% Change	3.5		4.2		4.1		4.3		0.6	

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Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Anne Kittredge at (250)387-0374 or Anne.Kittredge@gems6.gov.bc.ca.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC STATS on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations

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HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

BC's unemployment rate virtually unchanged in April, now second-lowest in the country

British Columbia's unemployment rate was virtually unchanged at 4.5% in April, only marginally higher than the 30-year-low reached in March. The 0.1 percentage point increase occurred as the labour force expanded by 4,900 people, while the number of jobs rose by 3,800 between March and April.

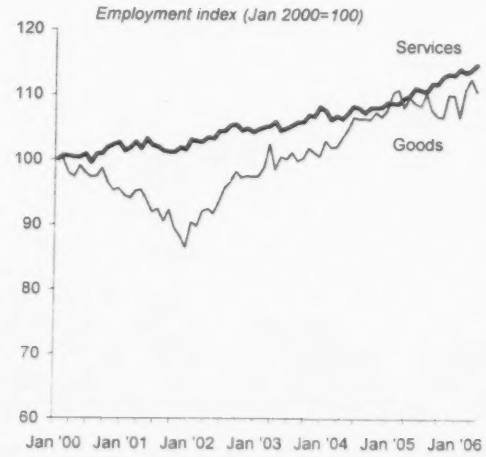
Despite the marginal increase in the unemployment rate, BC's position relative to the other provinces improved slightly in April, as Alberta (3.5%) was the only province with a lower jobless rate last month. This was the first time in twelve years that BC has had the second-lowest unemployment rate in the country. During most of the last decade, BC has usually ranked fifth or sixth among the provinces in terms of its jobless rate, but its relative position started to improve last fall, as the unemployment rate began to approach the five percent mark.

More jobs in service industries; fewer workers in the goods sector

The 0.2% increase in employment last month was largely due to growth in the service sector, where the number of jobs expanded 0.7%. There were 1.7% fewer jobs in the goods sector, as employment shrank or job growth stalled in every major industry. In the construction industry, which saw significant job gains in February and March, employment was virtually unchanged, inching up just 0.1%. There were 8.3% fewer jobs in the utilities industry, where there has been an almost uninterrupted decline in employment since last summer. Manufacturing (-2.9%) and primary industries such as forestry, fishing & mining (-2.0%) also shed jobs in April after taking on more workers in the previous month.

In the service sector, there were more jobs in professional, scientific & technical services (+3.2%), accommodation & food (+3.1%), information, culture & recreation services (+2.1%) and trade (+1.8%), with more modest increases occurring in management services (+0.8%) and public administration (+0.5%). However, there were fewer jobs in five of the service industries, with finance, insurance, real estate & leasing (-2.4%) and other services (-2.4%) posting the largest declines.

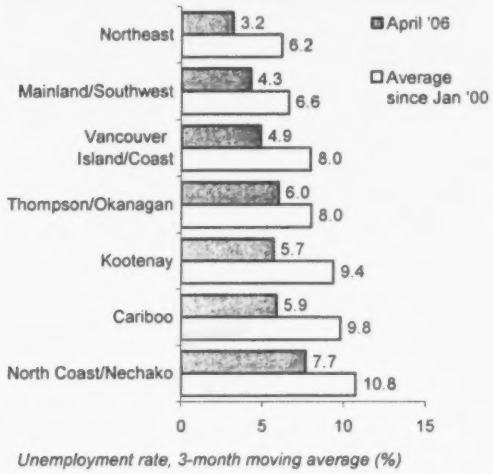
Employment growth in the service sector has been steady while the goods industries are more volatile



Generally speaking, the service industries have seen relatively steady growth during the last five years, while employment in the goods sector has been more volatile. The number of jobs

in goods industries fell sharply during the first two years of the decade, but has since recovered, and over the longer run, job growth in the goods industries has been only marginally lower than in the service sector. With eight out of ten jobs in the province in service industries, the relatively stable job growth in this sector helps keep employment in the province on an even keel.

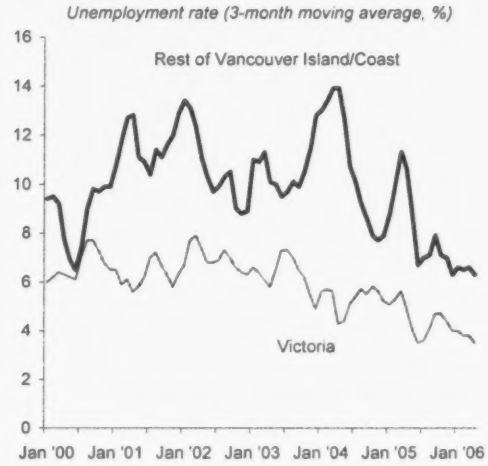
Regional job markets continue to improve



Regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.2%[1] (3-month moving average) in Northeast to 7.7% in North Coast/Nechako. Although employment continued to decline in Northeast (-6.5%, year-over-year), North Coast/Nechako (-4.1%) and Kootenay (-3.1%) the labour force in these regions shrank even more. It is possible that there has been some migration of workers from these regions to other parts of the province, as well as to Alberta, which has been a net recipient of inter-provincial migrants from the province in recent months.

Jobless rates in all regions of the province are below the levels at the beginning of the decade, and considerably lower than the average for the period since January 2000. Cariboo, Kootenay, North Coast/Nechako and Vancouver Island/Coast have seen particularly large declines in unemployment rates. However, not all workers in these regions have fared equally well. At present, Victoria has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country but jobless rates in the rest of Vancouver Island/Coast are significantly higher, and have been so throughout most of the period since January 2000.

The job market in Victoria is more robust and less volatile than in the rest of the region



The Nation

Canada's unemployment rate inched up to 6.4% in April, as both the labour force and employment expanded 0.1%.

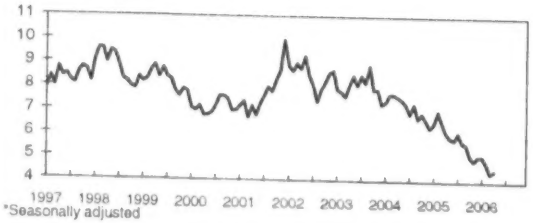
Selected Statistics	Apr-06	Mar-06	Apr-05
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.4	6.1
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.3	6.8
BC Employment ('000)	2,193	2,189	2,117
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.6	65.7
April % change in employment relative to:	-	0.2	3.6
April % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.2	1.8

[1] BC Stats estimates for Northeast and Vancouver Island/Coast excluding Victoria are based on data supplied by Statistics Canada

1 Summary for April 2006--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current April 2006		Previous Month March 2006		One Year Ago April 2005		Change from March 2006		Change from April 2005	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3497.2		3492.4		3433.3		0.1%		1.9%	
Labour Force ('000)	2273.0	2295.7	2267.9	2290.8	2231.1	2254.1	0.2%	0.2%	1.9%	1.8%
Employment ('000)	2169.1	2192.8	2164.9	2189.0	2092.4	2116.9	0.2%	0.2%	3.7%	3.6%
Unemployment ('000)	104.0	102.9	102.9	101.8	138.7	137.1	1.1%	1.1%	-25.0%	-24.9%
Employment Rate[1]	62.0%	62.7%	62.0%	62.7%	60.9%	61.7%				
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%	6.2%	6.1%				
Participation Rate	65.0%	65.6%	64.9%	65.6%	65.0%	65.7%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,100.2		26,071.0		25,714.4		0.1%		1.5%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,334.5	17,532.4	17,270.2	17,507.5	17,089.3	17,281.8	0.4%	0.1%	1.4%	1.5%
Employment ('000)	16,195.9	16,418.2	16,106.7	16,396.2	15,886.3	16,107.9	0.6%	0.1%	1.9%	1.9%
Unemployment ('000)	1,138.6	1,114.2	1,163.4	1,111.3	1,203.0	1,173.9	-2.1%	0.3%	-5.4%	-5.1%
Employment Rate[1]	62.1%	62.9%	61.8%	62.9%	61.8%	62.6%				
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.4%	6.7%	6.3%	7.0%	6.8%				
Participation Rate	66.4%	67.2%	66.2%	67.2%	66.5%	67.2%				

BC Unemployment Rate:*



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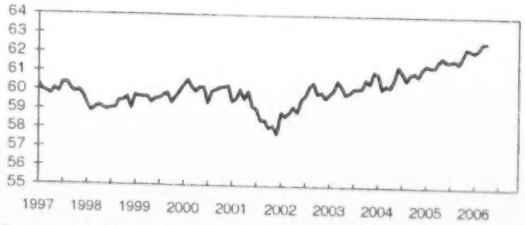

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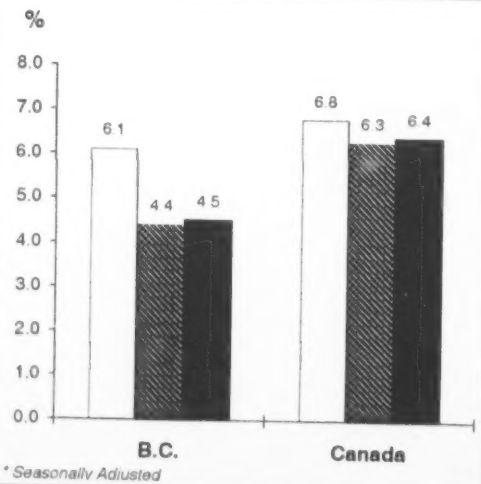

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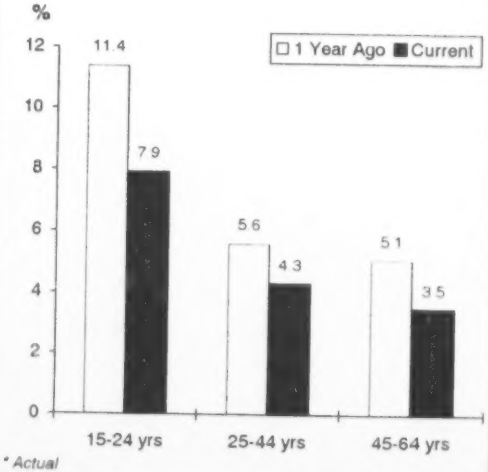
BC Unemployment Rates by Age, April 2006*



* Actual

[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual								Seasonally Adjusted							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
1996	1,988.4		1,816.4		172.0		8.7	65.6								
1997	2,030.6	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	170.1	-1.1	8.4	65.5								
1998	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	8.8	64.9								
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1								
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8								
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0								
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1								
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6								
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5								
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6								
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*										
2005 Jan	2,216.7	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	158.8	-11.1	7.2	64.9	2,248.9		2,102.4		146.5		6.5	65.8
Feb	2,241.2	2.9	2,069.8	3.7	171.4	-5.8	7.6	65.5	2,261.6	0.6	2,103.1	0.0	158.5	8.2	7.0	66.1
Mar	2,229.5	1.9	2,080.6	3.2	149.0	-13.3	6.7	65.0	2,250.9	-0.5	2,104.5	0.1	146.4	-7.6	6.5	65.6
Apr	2,231.1	2.3	2,092.4	3.9	138.7	-17.5	6.2	65.0	2,254.1	0.1	2,116.9	0.6	137.1	-6.4	6.1	65.7
May	2,274.9	2.0	2,138.3	3.9	136.6	-20.4	6.0	66.1	2,263.8	0.4	2,130.7	0.7	133.0	-3.0	5.9	65.8
Jun	2,284.7	0.7	2,159.2	2.1	125.5	-18.9	5.5	66.3	2,255.4	-0.4	2,123.8	-0.3	131.6	-1.1	5.8	65.5
Jul	2,307.1	1.7	2,161.4	2.6	145.7	-10.1	6.3	66.9	2,266.7	0.5	2,128.8	0.2	138.0	4.9	6.1	65.7
Aug	2,313.1	1.6	2,166.7	3.5	146.4	-19.8	6.3	66.9	2,266.6	0.0	2,137.0	0.4	129.7	-6.0	5.7	65.6
Sep	2,259.0	1.6	2,142.7	2.7	116.3	-15.2	5.1	65.2	2,259.5	-0.3	2,132.4	-0.2	127.2	-1.9	5.6	65.3
Oct	2,264.9	1.4	2,160.9	3.3	104.0	-26.4	4.6	65.3	2,264.4	0.2	2,148.7	0.8	115.7	-9.0	5.1	65.3
Nov	2,271.2	2.7	2,168.0	4.5	103.2	-24.5	4.5	65.4	2,280.3	0.7	2,169.0	0.9	111.4	-3.7	4.9	65.7
Dec	2,267.7	2.3	2,168.6	3.6	99.0	-19.9	4.4	65.2	2,282.9	0.1	2,167.1	-0.1	115.8	3.9	5.1	65.6
2006 Jan	2,252.5	1.6	2,122.5	3.1	130.0	-18.1	5.8	64.7	2,284.5	0.1	2,166.9	0.0	117.6	1.6	5.1	65.6
Feb	2,260.2	0.8	2,141.7	3.5	118.5	-30.9	5.2	64.8	2,285.1	0.0	2,175.9	0.4	109.2	-7.1	4.8	65.5
Mar	2,267.9	1.7	2,164.9	4.1	102.9	-30.9	4.5	64.9	2,290.8	0.2	2,189.0	0.6	101.8	-6.8	4.4	65.6
Apr	2,273.0	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	104.0	-25.0	4.6	65.0	2,295.7	0.2	2,192.8	0.2	102.9	1.1	4.5	65.6
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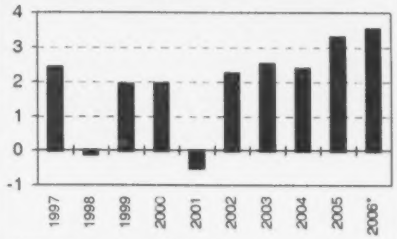
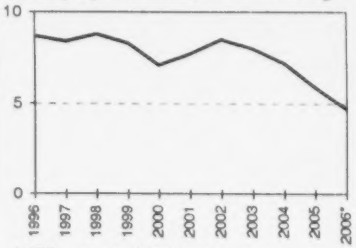
Average:																
Jan-Apr05	2,229.6		2,075.2		154.5		6.9	65.1	2,253.9		2,106.7		147.1		6.5	65.8
Jan-Apr06	2,263.4		2,149.6		113.9		5.0	64.9	2,289.0		2,181.2		107.9		4.7	65.6
% Change	1.5		3.6		-26.3				1.6		3.5		-26.7			

% Change in Employment, Annual Avg



*YTD, seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate, Annual Average



* YTD, seasonally adjusted

* Per cent changes for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, per cent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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Source: Statistics Canada

3a Employment ('000) by Province

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1,816.4	1,405.1	456.8	517.4	5,167.1	3,129.8	305.5	376.9	58.9	187.5	13,421.4
1997	1,860.5	1,451.4	466.2	525.6	5,291.4	3,172.8	309.1	382.0	58.8	188.3	13,706.0
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2005 Jan	2,058.0	1,740.5	473.4	567.9	6,217.0	3,599.5	332.9	426.8	62.8	199.3	15,678.1
Feb	2,069.8	1,748.6	476.3	573.6	6,259.3	3,622.4	333.6	425.3	63.3	197.2	15,769.2
Mar	2,080.6	1,755.7	479.6	569.6	6,247.3	3,620.5	333.6	427.6	63.7	201.5	15,779.8
Apr	2,092.4	1,754.0	476.3	570.6	6,312.6	3,645.9	336.6	434.3	63.5	200.1	15,886.3
May	2,138.3	1,800.7	495.0	587.0	6,458.2	3,698.3	359.9	454.3	70.6	214.6	16,277.0
Jun	2,159.2	1,813.8	498.0	589.4	6,505.1	3,796.3	364.0	457.7	73.3	232.6	16,489.5
Jul	2,161.4	1,814.9	497.3	589.0	6,486.1	3,837.8	368.3	458.3	73.9	242.0	16,529.0
Aug	2,166.7	1,811.9	492.3	587.0	6,507.5	3,814.1	367.7	460.9	73.9	226.3	16,508.5
Sep	2,142.7	1,786.4	480.2	581.8	6,419.5	3,761.0	357.0	443.4	70.9	221.6	16,264.6
Oct	2,160.9	1,791.5	479.9	582.9	6,473.4	3,759.0	351.2	447.1	69.7	215.9	16,331.4
Nov	2,168.0	1,796.6	479.1	583.4	6,459.9	3,734.3	351.7	441.0	67.2	214.0	16,295.1
Dec	2,168.6	1,798.6	474.5	581.9	6,427.1	3,718.2	349.9	439.8	65.9	203.5	16,228.1
2006 Jan	2,122.5	1,780.2	470.8	574.1	6,337.6	3,639.1	342.9	425.0	63.0	193.9	15,949.1
Feb	2,141.7	1,812.8	471.9	577.6	6,340.6	3,667.5	342.4	423.7	63.6	199.9	16,041.7
Mar	2,164.9	1,824.4	474.4	574.2	6,359.6	3,675.3	343.4	428.7	63.2	198.5	16,106.7
Apr	2,169.1	1,821.5	480.0	582.1	6,419.6	3,674.4	345.4	436.4	64.8	202.6	16,195.9
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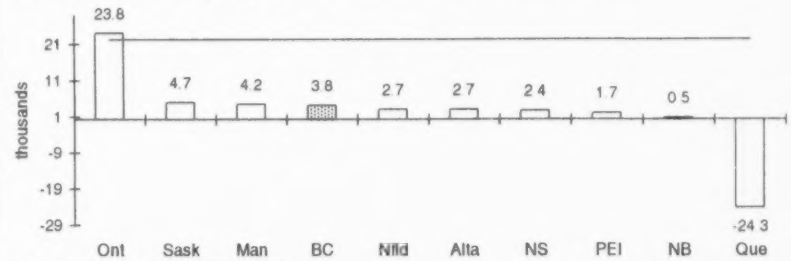
Average:											
Jan-Apr05	2,075.2	1,749.7	476.4	570.4	6,259.1	3,622.1	334.2	428.5	63.3	199.5	15,778.4
Jan-Apr06	2,149.6	1,809.7	474.3	577.0	6,364.4	3,664.1	343.5	428.5	63.7	198.7	16,073.4
% Change	3.6	3.4	-0.4	1.2	1.7	1.2	2.8	0.0	0.5	-0.4	1.9

Employment Change*('000), April 2006 *Line represents Canada at 22*



* Current month over previous month (saadi)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	2,102.4	1,771.8	486.5	579.7	6,327.1	3,705.2	349.9	444.9	68.7	215.5	16,051.7
Feb	2,103.1	1,773.4	487.5	582.7	6,343.5	3,704.3	351.1	442.7	68.8	213.5	16,070.6
Mar	2,104.5	1,777.0	488.8	575.9	6,347.6	3,695.6	349.8	442.3	68.5	216.0	16,065.9
Apr	2,116.9	1,778.6	485.0	576.3	6,378.9	3,695.9	351.4	444.3	68.2	212.5	16,107.9
May	2,130.7	1,783.2	486.0	579.6	6,405.9	3,668.7	355.1	447.5	67.9	211.8	16,136.2
Jun	2,123.8	1,778.6	484.7	579.4	6,406.0	3,704.6	348.0	443.1	67.2	215.7	16,151.2
Jul	2,128.8	1,787.9	484.1	581.5	6,398.8	3,723.1	349.7	442.0	68.1	216.4	16,180.4
Aug	2,137.0	1,787.0	481.8	580.2	6,405.4	3,737.2	349.1	444.0	67.7	211.8	16,201.1
Sep	2,132.4	1,783.5	478.3	579.3	6,425.7	3,728.8	347.6	438.9	68.1	214.1	16,196.6
Oct	2,148.7	1,793.5	478.8	580.5	6,449.9	3,743.7	347.3	443.1	68.2	214.2	16,267.9
Nov	2,169.0	1,796.7	481.0	584.3	6,446.8	3,745.6	351.9	442.3	68.7	217.2	16,303.4
Dec	2,167.1	1,799.8	479.7	583.6	6,433.4	3,755.0	355.3	441.3	68.6	210.9	16,294.7
2006 Jan	2,166.9	1,810.2	482.9	586.3	6,449.0	3,746.3	358.7	442.8	68.7	209.3	16,321.0
Feb	2,175.9	1,835.3	482.2	586.1	6,431.8	3,749.4	359.2	441.7	69.0	215.2	16,345.7
Mar	2,189.0	1,841.9	483.2	583.0	6,463.0	3,752.9	359.6	443.7	67.9	211.9	16,396.2
Apr	2,192.8	1,844.6	487.9	587.2	6,486.8	3,728.6	360.1	446.1	69.6	214.6	16,418.2
Average:											
Jan-Apr05	2,106.7	1,775.2	487.0	578.7	6,349.3	3,700.3	350.6	443.6	68.6	214.4	16,074.0
Jan-Apr06	2,181.2	1,833.0	484.1	585.7	6,457.7	3,744.3	359.4	443.6	68.8	212.8	16,370.3
% Change	3.5	3.3	-0.6	1.2	1.7	1.2	2.5	0.0	0.4	-0.8	1.8

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Source: Statistics Canada

3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1.7	2.9	-0.3	0.2	1.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	3.0	-3.5	0.9
1997	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4	2.1
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2005 Jan	2.5	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.2	4.0	0.6	1.3
Feb	3.7	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.3	4.3	-0.6	1.5
Mar	3.2	1.6	3.1	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.6	1.4
Apr	3.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.1	1.6	1.0	3.9	-0.3	1.2
May	3.9	1.9	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.6	2.1	1.3	2.5	-1.6	1.4
Jun	2.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.6	1.9	0.0	1.0
Jul	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.6	0.9	1.2	-0.4	-1.2	1.7	-1.1	1.2
Aug	3.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.6	-1.0	0.5	1.0	-1.9	1.5
Sep	2.7	0.7	-0.5	0.3	1.7	0.9	-1.6	-1.4	0.7	1.0	1.3
Oct	3.3	1.8	-1.2	0.1	1.8	1.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.3	1.0	1.6
Nov	4.5	1.7	-1.0	0.6	1.8	1.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	3.2	1.7
Dec	3.6	1.9	-1.3	0.5	1.4	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.0	-2.1	1.6
2006 Jan	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7
Feb	3.5	3.7	-0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.6	-0.4	0.5	1.4	1.7
Mar	4.1	3.9	-1.1	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.9	0.3	-0.8	-1.5	2.1
Apr	3.7	3.8	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.8	2.6	0.5	2.0	1.2	1.9
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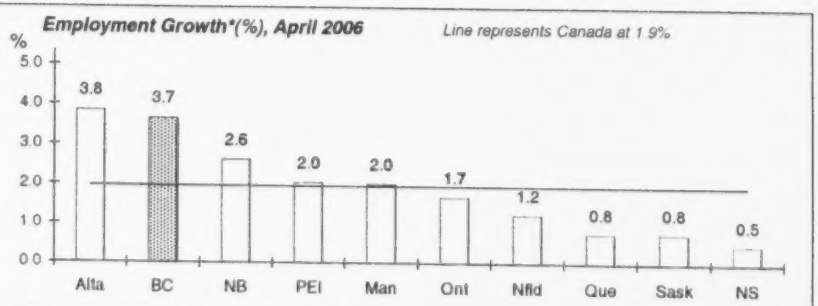

* Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.1
Mar	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.0
Apr	0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	-0.4	-1.6	0.3
May	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.2
Jun	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.8	0.1
Jul	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
Aug	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	-2.1	0.1
Sep	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.6	1.1	0.0
Oct	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Nov	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
Dec	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-0.1
2006 Jan	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.8	0.2
Feb	0.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.4	2.8	0.2
Mar	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	-1.6	-1.5	0.3
Apr	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.7	0.4	-0.6	0.1	0.5	2.5	1.3	0.1

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

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4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

	Actual											Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	8.7	6.9	6.7	7.3	9.0	11.9	11.6	12.4	14.7	19.1	9.6											
1997	8.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	8.4	11.4	12.7	12.2	15.4	18.4	9.1											
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3											
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6											
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8											
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2											
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7											
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6											
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2											
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8											
2005 Jan	7.2	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.7	9.5	11.2	9.9	14.1	16.5	7.5	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	6.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	10.5	14.6	7.0
Feb	7.6	4.2	5.5	5.4	7.0	9.0	10.6	10.7	13.0	17.2	7.5	7.0	4.0	4.9	4.9	6.8	8.2	9.3	9.8	10.3	15.4	7.0
Mar	6.7	3.5	5.5	5.5	7.3	8.9	10.6	9.8	13.0	16.9	7.4	6.5	3.6	5.1	5.2	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.4	10.3	15.0	6.9
Apr	6.2	4.2	5.5	5.1	6.6	8.5	11.2	9.2	15.0	18.8	7.0	6.1	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.7	8.0	9.3	8.4	10.6	16.1	6.8
May	6.0	3.6	4.3	4.7	7.2	8.5	9.6	7.8	9.5	16.7	7.0	5.9	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.8	8.6	8.9	7.8	10.8	15.3	6.9
Jun	5.5	3.4	4.2	4.3	6.6	7.4	9.0	7.7	7.8	12.5	6.3	5.8	3.9	4.9	4.8	6.7	8.1	9.9	8.8	11.9	14.0	6.8
Jul	6.3	3.7	4.9	4.7	7.3	7.9	9.3	7.7	9.1	12.1	6.9	6.1	3.6	4.8	4.7	6.7	8.3	9.8	8.0	11.1	14.5	6.8
Aug	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.4	7.4	8.3	9.2	7.0	8.7	15.2	7.1	5.7	3.9	5.3	4.6	6.7	8.3	9.7	7.5	11.3	16.6	6.8
Sep	5.1	3.7	5.5	4.4	6.1	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	13.2	6.2	5.6	4.1	6.0	4.8	6.3	8.3	10.6	8.6	11.4	15.5	6.7
Oct	4.6	3.8	4.7	4.1	5.9	7.7	9.7	7.7	9.1	13.9	6.1	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.5	6.4	8.3	10.9	8.6	11.2	15.2	6.6
Nov	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.5	7.9	8.6	8.1	10.6	14.7	6.0	4.9	4.2	5.2	4.1	6.1	8.0	9.4	8.3	10.7	14.8	6.4
Dec	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.2	5.6	8.3	9.1	8.0	12.1	15.8	6.1	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.2	6.2	8.2	9.6	8.5	11.1	15.4	6.5
2006 Jan	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2	5.1	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	7.8	10.8	16.5	6.6
Feb	5.2	3.2	5.8	4.7	6.3	8.9	10.6	9.5	14.0	16.7	6.7	4.8	3.1	5.3	4.4	6.2	8.2	9.4	8.4	10.9	15.1	6.4
Mar	4.5	3.3	5.6	4.5	6.5	9.0	10.2	9.0	15.4	17.4	6.7	4.4	3.4	5.3	4.2	6.1	8.5	9.2	7.8	12.0	15.7	6.3
Apr	4.6	3.6	5.2	4.9	6.1	8.7	10.7	8.8	14.6	18.9	6.6	4.5	3.5	4.8	4.7	6.2	8.3	9.1	8.1	10.5	15.9	6.4
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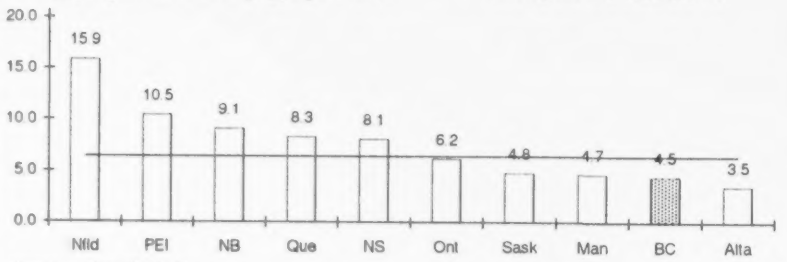
Jan-Apr05	6.9	4.2	5.5	5.4	6.9	9.0	10.9	9.9	13.8	17.4	7.4	6.5	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.8	10.4	15.3	6.9
Jan-Apr06	5.0	3.5	5.6	4.7	6.4	9.1	10.3	9.1	14.6	18.0	6.8	4.7	3.4	5.2	4.4	6.3	8.4	9.2	8.0	11.1	15.8	6.4

Unemployment Rates(%), April 2006*



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Source: Statistics Canada

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

	Actual											Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	60.0	67.3	61.0	61.6	59.7	54.6	51.8	52.0	56.4	42.3	58.4											
1997	60.0	67.8	62.2	62.3	60.2	55.0	52.1	52.5	55.9	42.9	58.9											
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7											
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6											
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3											
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1											
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7											
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4											
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7											
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7											
2005 Jan	60.2	68.8	63.3	64.1	62.3	58.5	54.7	56.2	56.5	46.3	61.2	61.5	70.0	65.1	65.5	63.4	60.3	57.4	58.6	61.8	50.1	62.6
Feb	60.5	69.0	63.7	64.7	62.6	58.9	54.8	56.0	56.9	45.8	61.5	61.4	70.0	65.2	65.8	63.4	60.2	57.6	58.3	61.8	49.6	62.6
Mar	60.7	69.2	64.1	64.2	62.4	58.8	54.7	56.3	57.2	46.8	61.4	61.4	70.0	65.3	64.9	63.4	60.0	57.4	58.2	61.5	50.2	62.6
Apr	60.9	69.0	63.6	64.3	63.0	59.1	55.2	57.1	57.0	46.5	61.8	61.7	70.0	64.8	64.9	63.6	59.9	57.6	58.5	61.2	49.4	62.6
May	62.2	70.7	66.1	66.1	64.3	59.9	59.0	59.8	63.3	49.9	63.2	61.9	70.0	64.9	65.3	63.8	59.4	58.2	58.9	60.9	49.3	62.7
Jun	62.7	71.1	66.5	66.3	64.6	61.4	59.7	60.2	65.7	54.2	63.9	61.7	69.7	64.7	65.2	63.7	60.0	57.0	58.3	60.3	50.2	62.6
Jul	62.7	71.0	66.4	66.2	64.4	62.1	60.3	60.3	66.2	56.4	64.0	61.7	69.9	64.7	65.4	63.5	60.2	57.3	58.1	61.0	50.4	62.7
Aug	62.7	70.7	65.7	66.0	64.4	61.6	60.2	60.5	66.2	52.7	63.8	61.8	69.7	64.3	65.2	63.4	60.4	57.2	58.3	60.6	49.3	62.7
Sep	61.9	69.6	64.1	65.4	63.5	60.7	58.4	58.2	63.5	51.6	62.8	61.6	69.5	63.9	65.1	63.5	60.2	56.9	57.6	61.0	49.9	62.6
Oct	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.5	63.9	60.6	57.4	58.7	62.3	50.3	63.0	62.0	69.7	63.9	65.2	63.7	60.3	56.8	58.2	61.0	49.9	62.7
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.0	65.5	63.7	60.1	57.5	57.9	60.1	49.8	62.8	62.4	69.6	64.3	65.6	63.6	60.3	57.6	58.1	61.4	50.6	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.5	63.4	65.4	63.3	59.8	57.2	57.7	58.8	47.4	62.4	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.6	63.4	60.4	58.1	57.9	61.3	49.1	62.7
2006 Jan	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3	62.2	69.7	64.6	65.9	63.4	60.2	58.7	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.7
Feb	61.4	69.6	63.1	64.9	62.3	58.9	56.0	55.6	56.8	46.6	61.6	62.4	70.5	64.5	65.8	63.2	60.2	58.8	57.9	61.6	50.2	62.8
Mar	62.0	69.9	63.5	64.5	62.4	59.0	56.2	56.2	56.4	46.3	61.8	62.7	70.6	64.7	65.5	63.5	60.2	58.8	58.2	60.6	49.4	62.9
Apr	62.0	69.6	64.3	65.3	63.0	58.9	56.5	57.2	57.9	47.3	62.1	62.7	70.5	65.3	65.9	63.6	59.8	58.9	58.5	62.1	50.1	62.9
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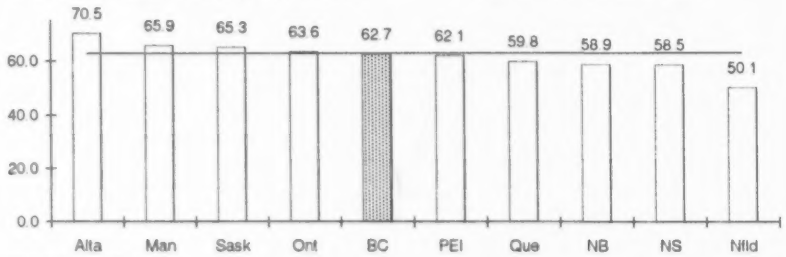
Jan-Apr05	60.6	69.0	63.7	64.3	62.6	58.8	54.9	56.4	56.9	46.4	61.5	61.5	70.0	65.1	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.5	58.4	61.6	49.8	62.6
Jan-Apr06	61.6	69.4	63.5	64.8	62.5	58.8	56.2	56.2	56.9	46.4	61.7	62.5	70.3	64.8	65.8	63.4	60.1	58.8	58.2	61.4	49.6	62.8

Employment Rates*(%), April 2006

Line represents Canada at 62.9%



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5a Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	533.8	306.8	996.1	26.0	48.8	20.7	96.4	131.6	450.7	231.1	820.3	18.9	40.3	16.0	75.6	271.0	984.5	537.9	1,816.4	44.9	89.1	36.7	172.0
1997	137.5	536.4	318.4	1,007.4	27.8	47.1	20.3	96.0	133.0	461.9	249.3	853.0	20.7	36.1	16.9	74.1	270.6	998.3	567.6	1,860.5	48.6	83.1	37.2	170.1
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2005 Jan	140.8	506.2	412.8	1,088.3	27.6	37.3	21.2	87.3	153.0	449.5	356.8	969.7	17.5	32.5	21.2	71.4	293.8	955.7	769.6	2,058.0	45.1	69.8	42.4	158.8
Feb	147.6	507.1	412.4	1,092.1	26.4	38.7	27.3	93.1	155.4	443.2	363.4	977.7	19.3	32.8	25.6	78.3	303.0	950.3	775.8	2,069.8	45.7	71.5	52.9	171.4
Mar	146.0	512.2	414.2	1,097.1	23.6	34.5	23.4	82.6	155.9	445.0	367.2	983.5	16.2	31.5	18.7	66.4	301.9	957.2	781.4	2,080.6	39.8	66.0	42.1	149.0
Apr	148.6	508.8	418.4	1,104.2	22.2	27.7	24.6	75.6	151.6	449.3	371.3	988.2	16.3	28.7	18.0	63.1	300.2	958.1	789.7	2,092.4	38.5	56.5	42.6	138.7
May	169.0	516.6	423.7	1,138.7	19.5	26.0	20.9	67.2	165.6	456.2	359.6	999.7	25.8	24.9	18.8	69.4	334.6	972.8	783.2	2,138.3	45.3	50.9	39.7	136.6
Jun	175.2	520.4	424.7	1,150.1	20.9	22.8	20.2	64.7	173.8	458.0	360.8	1,009.1	18.5	26.8	15.4	60.7	349.0	978.4	785.5	2,159.2	39.4	49.6	35.6	125.5
Jul	190.0	516.5	422.2	1,157.6	27.2	23.5	24.3	75.8	180.0	457.3	348.0	1,003.8	24.2	24.9	20.4	69.9	370.0	973.7	770.2	2,161.4	51.4	48.4	44.7	145.7
Aug	184.9	517.8	423.9	1,153.6	22.3	25.8	23.0	71.2	181.8	457.9	353.7	1,013.2	19.0	29.0	26.6	75.1	366.7	975.7	777.6	2,166.7	41.3	54.8	49.7	146.4
Sep	171.3	511.2	434.1	1,141.3	16.2	21.1	20.7	58.3	158.9	460.9	363.4	1,001.4	14.7	22.4	20.5	58.1	330.2	972.1	797.5	2,142.7	30.9	43.5	41.3	116.3
Oct	175.0	508.3	439.5	1,147.8	15.5	22.5	16.8	55.9	168.5	467.5	360.6	1,013.1	12.8	19.2	15.0	48.1	343.4	975.7	800.1	2,160.9	28.3	41.7	31.8	104.0
Nov	173.7	513.8	437.3	1,148.9	10.7	21.6	16.8	51.8	171.5	466.6	365.9	1,019.1	9.7	23.8	17.0	51.4	345.2	980.5	803.2	2,168.0	20.4	45.5	33.8	103.2
Dec	175.8	518.6	429.9	1,146.7	11.6	23.3	17.9	54.2	171.8	476.3	359.4	1,021.9	11.0	15.8	16.8	44.9	347.6	994.9	789.3	2,168.6	22.6	39.1	34.7	99.0
2006 Jan	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
Feb	166.0	510.4	427.7	1,130.3	16.9	23.7	20.4	63.5	169.8	460.2	364.5	1,011.4	11.9	26.1	16.4	55.0	335.9	970.6	792.1	2,141.7	28.8	49.9	36.8	118.5
Mar	168.8	513.4	432.6	1,143.4	14.8	22.0	15.0	53.4	169.8	461.1	372.0	1,021.5	11.3	23.4	14.0	49.5	338.6	974.5	804.5	2,164.9	26.1	45.4	29.0	102.9
Apr	170.3	512.1	432.4	1,142.2	12.1	21.3	13.7	47.8	168.8	469.7	372.8	1,026.9	17.0	23.1	15.3	56.2	339.1	981.7	805.2	2,169.1	29.1	44.4	29.0	104.0
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Jan-Apr05	145.8	508.6	414.5	1,095.4	25.0	34.6	24.1	84.7	154.0	446.8	364.7	979.8	17.3	31.4	20.9	69.8	299.7	955.3	779.1	2,075.2	42.3	66.0	45.0	154.5
Jan-Apr06	166.4	510.5	429.0	1,132.3	15.2	24.3	17.0	58.3	168.5	464.7	367.6	1,017.3	13.1	24.9	16.7	55.6	334.9	975.2	796.6	2,149.6	28.4	49.2	33.7	113.9
% Change	14.1	0.4	3.5	3.4	-39.0	-29.7	-29.4	-31.1	9.4	4.0	0.8	3.8	-24.4	-20.6	-19.9	-20.4	11.7	2.1	2.2	3.6	-32.9	-25.4	-25.1	-26.3

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	92.3	79.5	72.9	15.7	8.4	6.3	8.8	62.2	78.3	60.4	58.5	12.6	8.2	6.5	8.4	63.8	85.3	70.0	65.6	14.2	8.3	6.4	8.7
1997	63.7	91.9	79.2	72.1	16.8	8.1	6.0	8.7	61.6	78.3	62.5	59.1	13.5	7.2	6.3	8.0	62.6	85.1	70.8	65.5	15.2	7.7	6.1	8.4
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2005 Jan	58.4	91.6	78.9	69.9	16.4	6.9	4.9	7.4	61.5	79.6	67.2	59.9	10.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	59.9	85.6	73.0	64.9	13.3	6.8	5.2	7.2
Feb	60.2	92.0	79.7	70.4	15.2	7.1	6.2	7.9	63.0	78.7	69.0	60.7	11.0	6.9	6.6	7.4	61.5	85.3	74.3	65.5	13.1	7.0	6.4	7.6
Mar	58.6	92.1	79.1	70.0	13.9	6.3	5.3	7.0	61.9	78.7	68.2	60.2	9.4	6.6	4.8	6.3	60.2	85.3	73.6	65.0	11.6	6.5	5.1	6.7
Apr	58.9	90.4	79.9	69.9	13.0	5.2	5.6	6.4	60.4	78.9	68.7	60.2	9.7	6.0	4.6	6.0	59.6	84.6	74.2	65.0	11.4	5.6	5.1	6.2
May	65.0	91.4	79.9	71.3	10.3	4.8	4.7	5.6	68.8	79.4	66.5	61.2	13.5	5.2	5.0	6.5	66.8	85.3	73.2	66.1	11.9	5.0	4.8	6.0
Jun	67.5	91.5	79.8	71.7	10.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	69.0	80.0	66.0	61.1	9.6	5.5	4.1	5.7	68.2	85.7	72.8	66.3	10.1	4.8	4.3	5.5
Jul	74.6	90.9	79.9	72.7	12.5	4.4	5.4	6.1	73.2	79.5	64.4	61.3	11.8	5.2	5.5	6.5	73.9	85.1	72.1	66.9	12.2	4.7	5.5	6.3
Aug	71.0	91.5	79.7	72.1	10.8	4.7	5.1	5.8	71.8	80.3	66.3	62.0	9.5	6.0	7.0	6.9	71.4	85.8	72.9	66.9	10.1	5.3	6.0	6.3
Sep	64.1	89.6	80.9	70.4	8.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	62.0	79.7	66.8	60.2	8.5	4.6	5.3	5.5	63.1	84.6	73.7	65.2	8.6	4.3	4.9	5.1
Oct	65.0	89.3	81.0	70.6	8.1	4.2	3.7	4.6	64.6	80.2	65.1	60.2	7.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	64.8	84.7	73.0	65.3	7.6	4.1	3.8	4.6
Nov	62.9	90.0	80.4	70.3	5.8	4.0	3.7	4.3	64.5	80.8	66.2	60.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.8	63.7	85.3	73.2	65.4	5.6	4.4	4.0	4.5
Dec	63.8	91.0	79.1	70.2	6.2	4.3	4.0	4.5	65.1	81.0	64.9	60.4	6.0	3.2	4.5	4.2	64.4	86.0	71.9	65.2	6.1	3.8	4.2	4.4
2006 Jan	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8
Feb	62.3	89.7	78.7	69.6	9.2	4.4	4.6	5.3	64.6	80.1	65.3	60.2	6.5	5.4	4.3	5.2	63.4	84.8	71.9	64.8	7.9	4.9	4.4	5.2
Mar	62.5	89.8	78.4	69.6	8.1	4.1	3.4	4.5	64.4	79.8	66.1	60.4	6.2	4.8	3.6	4.6	63.4	84.7	72.2	64.9	7.2	4.5	3.5	4.5
Apr	62.1	89.4	77.9	69.1	6.6	4.0	3.1	4.0	66.0	81.0	66.3	61.0	9.1	4.7	3.9	5.2	64.0	85.2	72.0	65.0	7.9	4.3	3.5	4.6
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Jan-Apr05	59.0	91.5	79.4	70.1	14.6	6.4	5.5	7.2	61.7	79.0	68.3	60.3	10.1	6.6	5.4	6.7	60.3	85.2	73.8	65.1	12.4	6.5	5.5	6.9
Jan-Apr06	61.8	89.8	78.2	69.3	8.4	4.5	3.9	4.9	64.6	80.6	65.9	60.5	7.2	5.1	4.3	5.2	63.2	85.1	72.0	64.9	7.8	4.8	4.1	5.0

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5c Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	856.8	996.1	26.0	70.4	96.4	131.6	688.7	820.3	18.9	56.7	75.6	271.0	1,545.4	1,816.4	44.9	127.1	172.0
1997	137.5	869.9	1,007.4	27.8	68.2	96.0	133.0	720.0	853.0	20.7	53.3	74.1	270.6	1,589.9	1,860.5	48.6	121.5	170.1
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2005 Jan	152.7	965.3	1,118.1	25.6	52.7	78.4	159.7	824.6	984.3	17.1	51.1	68.2	312.4	1,790.0	2,102.4	42.7	103.8	146.5
Feb	157.7	957.2	1,114.9	24.8	57.4	82.2	161.0	827.2	988.2	20.8	55.6	76.4	318.7	1,784.4	2,103.1	45.6	113.0	158.5
Mar	154.5	960.9	1,115.4	23.8	53.1	76.9	162.3	826.8	989.1	18.9	50.6	69.5	316.8	1,787.7	2,104.5	42.7	103.7	146.4
Apr	156.3	965.4	1,121.7	23.7	48.4	72.1	159.4	835.8	995.3	16.8	48.3	65.1	315.7	1,801.2	2,116.9	40.5	96.6	137.1
May	167.2	966.2	1,133.4	17.8	47.3	65.1	161.9	835.4	997.3	23.5	44.4	67.9	329.1	1,801.6	2,130.7	41.3	91.7	133.0
Jun	165.8	963.6	1,129.3	21.9	45.9	67.7	167.9	826.6	994.5	18.1	45.8	63.9	333.7	1,790.2	2,123.8	39.9	91.7	131.6
Jul	169.8	958.8	1,128.6	21.5	52.8	74.3	167.1	833.1	1,000.2	18.0	45.7	63.7	336.9	1,791.9	2,128.8	39.5	98.5	138.0
Aug	167.3	959.7	1,127.0	20.1	48.2	68.3	169.3	840.6	1,010.0	15.4	46.0	61.4	336.6	1,800.3	2,137.0	35.5	94.2	129.7
Sep	174.8	957.4	1,132.2	17.2	50.8	68.0	163.9	836.3	1,000.1	14.4	44.7	59.2	338.7	1,793.7	2,132.4	31.6	95.6	127.2
Oct	176.4	963.4	1,139.8	17.7	48.3	66.0	171.5	837.4	1,008.9	13.4	36.3	49.7	348.0	1,800.7	2,148.7	31.1	84.6	115.7
Nov	176.4	974.0	1,150.4	12.8	44.1	57.0	172.5	846.1	1,018.6	12.1	42.3	54.4	348.9	1,820.1	2,169.0	24.9	86.4	111.4
Dec	177.3	976.7	1,154.0	14.2	44.7	59.0	170.6	842.5	1,013.1	16.3	40.6	56.8	347.9	1,819.1	2,167.1	30.5	85.3	115.8
2006 Jan	173.8	971.4	1,145.2	15.8	44.1	59.9	172.0	849.7	1,021.7	12.8	45.0	57.7	345.8	1,821.1	2,166.9	28.5	89.1	117.6
Feb	176.5	978.0	1,154.5	15.5	39.1	54.6	174.7	846.7	1,021.5	13.2	41.3	54.6	351.3	1,824.7	2,175.9	28.7	80.4	109.2
Mar	178.5	983.8	1,162.3	15.0	34.1	49.1	175.6	851.1	1,026.7	13.9	38.8	52.7	354.1	1,834.9	2,189.0	28.9	72.9	101.8
Apr	179.6	981.3	1,161.0	13.3	32.6	45.9	176.9	854.9	1,031.9	16.6	40.4	57.0	356.6	1,836.3	2,192.8	29.9	73.0	102.9
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Average:																		
Jan-Apr05	155.3	962.2	1,117.5	24.5	52.9	77.4	160.6	828.6	989.2	18.4	51.4	69.8	315.9	1,790.8	2,106.7	42.9	104.3	147.1
Jan-Apr06	177.1	978.6	1,155.8	14.9	37.5	52.4	174.8	850.6	1,025.5	14.1	41.4	55.5	352.0	1,829.3	2,181.2	29.0	78.9	107.9
% Change	14.0	1.7	3.4	-39.1	-29.2	-32.3	8.8	2.7	3.7	-23.2	-19.5	-20.5	11.4	2.1	3.5	-32.4	-24.4	-26.7

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	74.5	72.9	15.7	7.6	8.8	55.1	68.8	66.5	62.2	57.8	58.5	12.6	7.6	8.4	54.4	53.4	53.6	63.8	66.0	65.6	14.2	7.6	8.7	54.7	61.0	60.0
1997	63.7	73.9	72.1	16.8	7.3	8.7	52.9	68.5	65.8	61.6	58.6	59.1	13.5	6.9	8.0	53.3	54.6	54.4	62.6	66.1	65.5	15.2	7.1	8.4	53.1	61.4	60.0
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2005 Jan	61.8	73.1	71.2	14.3	5.2	6.6	52.9	69.3	66.5	63.8	60.0	60.6	9.7	5.8	6.5	57.6	56.5	56.7	62.8	66.4	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.2	62.8	61.5
Feb	63.2	72.8	71.1	13.6	5.7	6.9	54.6	68.7	66.2	65.5	60.4	61.2	11.4	6.3	7.2	58.0	56.6	56.8	64.3	66.4	66.1	12.5	6.0	7.0	56.3	62.5	61.4
Mar	61.6	72.6	70.7	13.4	5.2	6.4	53.4	68.8	66.1	65.2	59.9	60.7	10.4	5.8	6.6	58.4	56.4	56.8	63.3	66.1	65.6	11.9	5.5	6.5	55.8	62.5	61.4
Apr	62.1	72.5	70.7	13.2	4.8	6.0	53.9	69.0	66.4	63.4	60.3	60.8	9.5	5.5	6.1	57.3	57.0	57.0	62.7	66.2	65.7	11.4	5.1	6.1	55.6	62.9	61.7
May	63.[illegible]	72.3	70.9	9.6	4.7	5.4	57.6	69.0	67.0	66.6	59.9	60.9	12.7	5.0	6.4	58.2	56.8	57.1	65.1	66.0	65.8	11.2	4.8	5.9	57.9	62.8	61.9
Jun	64.5	71.9	70.7	11.7	4.5	5.7	57.0	68.7	66.7	66.7	59.3	60.5	9.7	5.2	6.0	60.2	56.2	56.8	65.6	65.5	65.5	10.7	4.9	5.8	58.6	62.3	61.7
Jul	65.7	72.0	70.9	11.2	5.2	6.2	58.3	68.2	66.5	66.3	59.6	60.7	9.7	5.2	6.0	59.9	56.5	57.1	66.0	65.6	65.7	10.5	5.2	6.1	59.1	62.2	61.7
Aug	64.2	71.6	70.3	10.7	4.8	5.7	57.4	68.2	66.3	66.1	60.0	61.0	8.3	5.2	5.7	60.6	56.9	57.5	65.1	65.7	65.6	9.5	5.0	5.7	58.9	62.4	61.8
Sep	65.7	71.5	70.5	9.0	5.0	5.7	59.8	67.9	66.5	63.7	59.6	60.2	8.1	5.1	5.6	58.5	56.5	56.9	64.7	65.4	65.3	8.5	5.1	5.6	59.2	62.1	61.6
Oct	66.2	71.6	70.7	9.1	4.8	5.5	60.2	68.2	66.8	65.9	59.0	60.1	7.2	4.2	4.7	61.1	56.5	57.3	66.1	65.1	65.3	8.2	4.5	5.1	60.7	62.2	62.0
Nov	64.5	71.9	70.7	6.8	4.3	4.7	60.2	68.8	67.3	65.7	59.9	60.8	6.6	4.8	5.1	61.4	57.0	57.7	65.1	65.8	65.7	6.7	4.5	4.9	60.8	62.8	62.4
Dec	65.2	72.0	70.9	7.4	4.4	4.9	60.4	68.9	67.4	66.5	59.4	60.6	8.7	4.6	5.3	60.7	56.7	57.3	65.9	65.6	65.6	8.1	4.5	5.1	60.6	62.6	62.3
2006 Jan	64.6	71.5	70.3	8.3	4.3	5.0	59.2	68.4	66.8	65.7	60.1	61.0	6.9	5.0	5.3	61.2	57.1	57.7	65.1	65.7	65.6	7.6	4.7	5.1	60.2	62.6	62.2
Feb	65.4	71.5	70.4	8.1	3.8	4.5	60.1	68.7	67.3	66.8	59.6	60.7	7.0	4.7	5.1	62.1	56.8	57.7	66.1	65.4	65.5	7.6	4.2	4.8	61.1	62.6	62.4
Mar	65.9	71.4	70.5	7.8	3.4	4.1	60.8	69.1	67.6	67.3	59.6	60.9	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.4	57.0	57.9	66.6	65.4	65.6	7.5	3.8	4.4	61.6	62.9	62.7
Apr	65.6	71.0	70.1	6.9	3.2	3.8	61.1	68.8	67.5	68.7	59.9	61.3	8.6	4.5	5.2	62.8	57.2	58.1	67.1	65.3	65.6	7.7	3.8	4.5	62.0	62.9	62.7
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Average:																											
Jan-Apr05	62.2	72.8	70.9	13.6	5.2	6.5	53.7	69.0	66.3	64.5	60.2	60.8	10.3	5.9	6.6	57.8	56.6	56.8	63.3	66.3	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.7	62.7	61.5
Jan-Apr06	65.4	71.4	70.3	7.8	3.7	4.4	60.3	68.8	67.3	67.1	59.8	61.0	7.5	4.7	5.1	62.1	57.0	57.9	66.2	65.5	65.6	7.6	4.1	4.7	61.2	62.8	62.5

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

6 BC Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1996	887.4	108.8	996.1	10.9	563.4	256.8	820.3	31.3	1,450.8	365.6	1,816.4	20.1
1997	893.5	113.9	1,007.4	11.3	580.2	272.8	853.0	32.0	1,473.7	386.7	1,860.5	20.8
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
	seasonally adjusted											
2005 Jan	1,002.2	115.9	1,118.1	10.4	685.5	298.8	984.3	30.4	1,687.7	414.7	2,102.4	19.7
Feb	992.0	122.9	1,114.9	11.0	683.1	305.1	988.2	30.9	1,675.1	428.0	2,103.1	20.4
Mar	985.5	129.9	1,115.4	11.6	686.6	302.5	989.1	30.6	1,672.1	432.4	2,104.5	20.5
Apr	999.7	121.9	1,121.7	10.9	682.3	313.0	995.3	31.4	1,682.0	435.0	2,116.9	20.5
May	1,009.7	123.8	1,133.4	10.9	692.5	304.8	997.3	30.6	1,702.2	428.5	2,130.7	20.1
Jun	985.7	143.6	1,129.3	12.7	685.2	309.2	994.5	31.1	1,670.9	452.9	2,123.8	21.3
Jul	995.9	132.7	1,128.6	11.8	702.7	297.4	1,000.2	29.7	1,698.6	430.1	2,128.8	20.2
Aug	990.1	136.9	1,127.0	12.1	699.1	310.9	1,010.0	30.8	1,689.2	447.8	2,137.0	21.0
Sep	997.4	134.8	1,132.2	11.9	691.9	308.2	1,000.1	30.8	1,689.4	443.0	2,132.4	20.8
Oct	1,006.7	133.1	1,139.8	11.7	694.6	314.3	1,008.9	31.2	1,701.3	447.4	2,148.7	20.8
Nov	1,018.1	132.3	1,150.4	11.5	708.0	310.6	1,018.6	30.5	1,726.1	442.9	2,169.0	20.4
Dec	1,027.5	126.5	1,154.0	11.0	702.1	311.0	1,013.1	30.7	1,729.6	437.5	2,167.1	20.2
2006 Jan	1,018.7	126.5	1,145.2	11.0	717.8	303.9	1,021.7	29.7	1,736.5	430.4	2,166.9	19.9
Feb	1,004.1	150.3	1,154.5	13.0	709.3	312.2	1,021.5	30.6	1,713.4	462.5	2,175.9	21.3
Mar	1,016.0	146.3	1,162.3	12.6	714.3	312.4	1,026.7	30.4	1,730.3	458.7	2,189.0	21.0
Apr	1,019.9	141.1	1,161.0	12.2	726.7	305.2	1,031.9	29.6	1,746.6	446.3	2,192.8	20.4
May												
Jun												
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Apr05	994.9	122.7	1,117.5	11.0	684.4	304.9	989.2	30.8	1,679.2	427.5	2,106.7	20.3
Jan-Apr06	1,014.7	141.1	1,155.8	12.2	717.0	308.4	1,025.5	30.1	1,731.7	449.5	2,181.2	20.6
% Change	2.0	15.0	3.4		4.8	1.2	3.7		3.1	5.1	3.5	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		408.2		30.7		55.1		10.3		192.8		119.3	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	54.0	-2.0	9.9	-3.9	196.2	1.8	123.1	3.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	51.3	-5.0	11.1	12.1	195.9	-0.2	117.2	-4.8
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
	seasonally adjusted													
2005 Jan	2,102.4		458.9		39.6		37.5		8.1		209.4		164.3	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	460.6	0.4	40.4	2.0	38.7	3.2	9.5	17.3	206.7	-1.3	165.5	0.7
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	449.2	-2.5	39.5	-2.2	36.1	-6.7	10.2	7.4	199.5	-3.5	164.0	-0.9
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	455.5	1.4	40.7	3.0	40.1	11.1	10.4	2.0	196.1	-1.7	168.3	2.6
May	2,130.7	0.7	452.0	-0.8	38.6	-5.2	41.4	3.2	12.9	24.0	194.3	-0.9	164.9	-2.0
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	450.4	-0.4	39.2	1.6	40.5	-2.2	13.3	3.1	191.4	-1.5	166.0	0.7
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	458.4	1.8	42.6	8.7	35.3	-12.8	13.0	-2.3	199.6	4.3	167.9	1.1
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	447.6	-2.4	37.9	-11.0	37.1	5.1	11.2	-13.8	192.6	-3.5	168.8	0.5
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	443.6	-0.9	35.6	-6.1	35.8	-3.5	10.3	-8.0	195.5	1.5	166.3	-1.5
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	443.2	-0.1	36.7	3.1	37.0	3.4	9.7	-5.8	192.7	-1.4	167.1	0.5
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	457.3	3.2	34.3	-6.5	35.0	-5.4	8.2	-15.5	207.1	7.5	172.7	3.4
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	457.0	-0.1	39.6	15.5	36.4	4.0	7.3	-11.0	193.4	-6.6	180.4	4.5
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	443.2	-3.0	34.2	-13.6	40.6	11.5	8.6	17.8	191.4	-1.0	168.3	-6.7
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	460.8	4.0	36.0	5.3	39.2	-3.4	8.0	-7.0	204.3	6.7	173.3	3.0
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	467.7	1.5	36.4	1.1	39.8	1.5	7.2	-10.0	207.1	1.4	177.2	2.3
Apr	2,192.8	0.2	459.9	-1.7	35.8	-1.6	39.0	-2.0	6.6	-8.3	201.0	-2.9	177.4	0.1
May														
Jun														
Jul														
Aug														
Sep														
Oct														
Nov														
Dec														
Average:														
Jan-Apr05	2,106.7		456.1		40.1		38.1		9.6		202.9		165.5	
Jan-Apr06	2,181.2		457.9		35.6		39.7		7.6		201.0		174.1	
% Change	3.5		0.4		-11.1		4.1		-20.4		-1.0		5.2	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.*

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Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Community and Personal Service: Education		Community and Personal Service: Health & Social Services		Community and Personal Service: Accommod., Food & Bev.		Community and Personal Service: Other Service		Public Administration	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		108.2		118.4		183.3		140.8		235.9		106.1	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	112.1	3.6	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	243.2	3.1	100.7	-5.1
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	122.8	9.5	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	253.2	4.1	93.8	-6.9
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
	seasonally adjusted																			
2005 Jan	1,643.5		114.9		321.4		128.3		155.9		139.1		220.4		177.1		292.7		93.8	
Feb	1,642.5	-0.1	113.5	-1.2	322.2	0.2	130.9	2.0	161.7	3.7	143.3	3.0	218.9	-0.7	166.8	-5.8	291.1	-0.5	93.9	0.1
Mar	1,655.3	0.8	114.2	0.6	328.0	1.8	137.3	4.9	163.1	0.9	143.5	0.1	216.4	-1.1	166.0	-0.5	292.1	0.3	94.8	1.0
Apr	1,661.4	0.4	110.7	-3.1	323.2	-1.5	131.7	-4.1	167.2	2.5	149.2	4.0	213.7	-1.2	178.5	7.5	292.1	0.0	95.3	0.5
May	1,678.7	1.0	119.0	7.5	329.1	1.8	134.9	2.4	167.3	0.1	149.2	0.0	208.3	-2.5	177.2	-0.7	290.7	-0.5	103.1	8.2
Jun	1,673.4	-0.3	118.1	-0.8	321.4	-2.3	139.8	3.6	171.5	2.5	151.4	1.5	209.7	0.7	173.3	-2.2	292.0	0.4	96.3	-6.6
Jul	1,670.4	-0.2	124.0	5.0	323.4	0.6	135.6	-3.0	163.8	-4.5	153.9	1.7	211.9	1.0	179.5	3.6	283.3	-3.0	95.1	-1.2
Aug	1,689.4	1.1	122.9	-0.9	338.4	4.6	137.0	1.0	164.3	0.3	149.5	-2.9	220.2	3.9	174.3	-2.9	286.6	1.2	96.2	1.2
Sep	1,688.8	0.0	124.9	1.6	342.4	1.2	127.4	-7.0	158.1	-3.8	148.3	-0.8	220.7	0.2	177.4	1.8	294.7	2.8	94.9	-1.4
Oct	1,705.5	1.0	121.6	-2.6	359.8	5.1	129.2	1.4	159.6	0.9	139.9	-5.7	225.1	2.0	178.9	0.8	298.6	1.3	92.8	-2.2
Nov	1,711.7	0.4	120.8	-0.7	353.1	-1.9	131.9	2.1	166.6	4.4	142.0	1.5	225.7	0.3	178.6	-0.2	301.8	1.1	91.2	-1.7
Dec	1,710.0	-0.1	118.4	-2.0	351.4	-0.5	131.1	-0.6	164.5	-1.3	146.1	2.9	218.2	-3.3	181.4	1.6	305.1	1.1	93.8	2.9
2006 Jan	1,723.7	0.8	124.2	4.9	352.0	0.2	128.0	-2.4	166.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	210.6	-3.5	180.3	-0.6	312.7	2.5	97.4	3.8
Feb	1,715.2	-0.5	128.7	3.6	361.1	2.6	129.4	1.1	171.6	3.1	150.2	-1.2	213.2	1.2	174.8	-3.1	292.4	-6.5	93.6	-3.9
Mar	1,721.3	0.4	126.1	-2.0	358.9	-0.6	132.7	2.6	166.1	-3.2	153.1	1.9	224.3	5.2	161.8	-7.4	304.0	4.0	94.3	0.7
Apr	1,733.0	0.7	123.8	-1.8	365.3	1.8	129.5	-2.4	171.4	3.2	152.4	-0.5	224.1	-0.1	166.8	3.1	305.0	0.3	94.8	0.5
May																				
Jun																				
Jul																				
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Apr05	1,650.7		113.3		323.7		132.1		162.0		143.8		217.4		172.1		292.0		94.5	
Jan-Apr06	1,723.3		125.7		359.3		129.9		168.9		151.9		218.1		170.9		303.5		95.0	
% Change	4.4		10.9		11.0		-1.6		4.3		5.7		0.3		-0.7		3.9		0.6	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1996	186.0	3.3	327.0	3.7	98.5	4.0	91.1	2.3	143.9	3.1	56.8	5.3	460.6	7.2	297.1	9.1	71.9	14.5	83.5	8.4	1,816.4	8.7
1997	180.0	2.9	339.9	3.7	103.1	3.3	97.9	1.8	141.8	3.4	56.3	6.5	477.7	5.8	311.6	7.1	68.9	15.5	83.3	8.3	1,860.5	8.4
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2005 Jan	184.5	2.5	375.6	3.0	129.2	3.5	124.2	1.5	159.2	2.6	64.8	7.7	543.4	6.7	311.8	8.4	59.5	15.6	105.8	4.9	2,058.0	7.2
Feb	186.8	2.5	379.5	2.8	126.7	5.0	122.4	1.1	166.8	3.1	58.4	2.0	546.4	7.0	320.1	6.8	62.7	14.9	100.0	7.0	2,069.8	7.6
Mar	177.6	2.8	385.4	2.4	125.3	2.2	111.4	1.2	176.3	3.3	66.2	2.5	551.6	6.1	325.0	6.0	64.6	11.1	97.1	7.9	2,080.6	6.7
Apr	190.2	2.6	375.6	3.3	139.5	1.7	110.0	1.5	172.3	2.5	65.8	1.9	552.9	4.5	322.8	5.5	69.0	10.7	94.4	8.9	2,092.4	6.2
May	183.4	2.9	401.0	3.5	139.3	3.7	104.6	0.9	180.4	1.3	65.8	5.7	558.1	4.3	332.8	3.9	76.9	9.4	96.0	5.6	2,138.3	6.0
Jun	176.7	2.5	391.2	3.7	142.4	3.7	115.7	1.7	182.4	0.7	78.3	4.6	556.5	3.2	342.6	3.4	83.4	6.8	90.1	9.0	2,159.2	5.5
Jul	187.1	2.9	394.2	3.3	142.9	2.3	119.0	0.4	161.2	4.0	69.0	8.6	556.2	4.6	349.1	3.2	84.9	5.8	97.9	6.8	2,161.4	6.3
Aug	189.7	1.4	390.8	4.1	144.8	2.0	122.9	0.8	163.1	5.7	69.0	7.8	562.3	5.3	344.8	3.6	83.1	7.3	96.2	4.1	2,166.7	6.3
Sep	193.2	2.6	384.2	2.0	139.3	2.3	129.2	1.0	172.4	2.1	70.0	4.9	559.3	3.7	329.0	3.4	73.0	9.3	93.0	5.3	2,142.7	5.1
Oct	207.4	2.4	377.2	2.6	126.0	3.0	124.8	1.3	179.6	1.4	81.3	4.7	571.5	3.4	325.3	3.6	77.0	6.0	90.8	4.9	2,160.9	4.6
Nov	220.9	1.4	366.1	2.9	136.3	3.8	126.8	1.4	175.3	1.6	84.1	3.3	567.2	4.0	333.8	2.8	59.5	10.1	97.9	2.9	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	218.2	1.3	374.7	1.8	141.7	2.3	112.4	1.1	179.5	2.3	83.2	2.9	570.3	3.3	332.6	3.8	61.8	10.2	94.2	5.2	2,168.6	4.4
2006 Jan	205.8	2.0	374.7	2.8	150.6	2.5	112.6	2.0	175.6	1.1	77.9	4.9	563.0	4.3	322.9	6.0	56.5	14.1	82.8	7.9	2,122.5	5.8
Feb	214.0	1.7	375.9	2.3	152.6	2.4	116.6	1.5	175.2	2.3	79.2	2.3	543.7	4.2	331.7	5.0	62.8	10.9	90.1	6.7	2,141.7	5.2
Mar	211.7	1.6	369.1	2.7	146.5	2.6	110.2	1.3	183.3	2.7	82.4	3.3	549.3	3.4	347.7	3.7	68.9	7.6	95.9	2.9	2,164.9	4.5
Apr	204.6	0.9	372.3	2.7	157.0	1.1	113.8	1.7	172.9	1.9	75.7	2.4	560.2	3.5	346.1	4.0	74.1	7.6	92.3	3.0	2,169.1	4.6
May																						
Jun																						
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr05	184.8	2.6	379.0	2.9	130.2	3.1	117.0	1.3	168.7	2.9	63.8	3.5	548.6	6.1	319.9	6.7	64.0	13.1	99.3	7.1	2,075.2	6.9
Jan-Apr06	209.0	1.6	373.0	2.6	151.7	2.1	113.3	1.6	176.8	2.0	78.8	3.2	554.1	3.9	337.1	4.7	65.6	10.1	90.3	5.2	2,149.6	5.0
% Change	13.1		-1.6		16.5		-3.2		4.8		23.5		1.0		5.4		2.5		-9.1		3.6	

NOTES: 1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1996	1,816.4	8.7	946.5	7.9	142.7	8.6	62.7	11.4	308.7	9.4	1071.4	8.2	200.3	10.5	65.8	8.7	86.2	8.6	51.7	7.5	32.3	7.2
1997	1,860.5	8.4	966.4	8.2	149.8	7.6	68.2	8.0	322.0	8.7	1098.9	8.2	206.1	8.3	65.3	9.3	83.3	9.8	51.8	9.0	33.1	4.6
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1,216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1,251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2005 Jan	2,075.5	6.3	1,136.1	6.0	162.2	5.1	75.3	6.9	335.8	7.0	1,275.2	6.0	233.9	5.7	71.5	7.8	81.3	6.9	44.5	9.6	33.4	4.9
Feb	2,073.8	6.8	1,141.0	6.3	162.6	5.3	74.2	7.1	334.8	7.8	1,278.7	6.3	233.1	6.7	68.9	8.7	80.1	8.1	43.9	10.0	34.5	4.4
Mar	2,069.4	7.2	1,142.3	6.7	163.0	5.6	75.8	6.4	331.3	8.6	1,284.1	6.6	229.9	6.6	68.0	7.9	77.8	9.8	43.3	11.5	35.0	4.9
Apr	2,080.9	6.8	1,146.1	6.3	165.6	4.9	76.7	5.9	334.6	7.9	1,292.3	6.3	229.8	6.3	68.8	8.1	76.1	10.5	43.9	10.2	35.5	4.1
May	2,103.8	6.3	1,151.6	6.1	169.0	4.1	77.5	5.8	341.7	6.5	1,301.8	6.1	234.3	5.7	69.5	6.3	76.0	9.5	45.1	8.7	35.4	5.6
Jun	2,130.0	5.9	1,156.8	6.0	171.3	3.5	77.7	5.8	351.5	5.2	1,308.8	5.9	240.9	5.5	70.0	5.1	76.7	9.6	46.7	7.2	35.3	5.4
Jul	2,153.0	5.9	1,161.3	6.3	172.9	3.6	78.7	5.7	357.4	5.4	1,315.9	6.2	246.8	5.2	70.0	4.0	79.4	7.6	48.3	6.8	35.2	5.1
Aug	2,162.4	6.0	1,160.2	6.5	173.6	4.1	79.1	4.9	361.8	5.7	1,316.5	6.3	248.9	5.3	70.4	5.2	80.3	7.0	50.0	5.7	34.6	4.4
Sep	2,156.9	5.9	1,154.4	6.2	173.2	4.7	79.1	5.3	359.8	6.4	1,310.8	6.1	252.5	4.9	70.3	6.3	81.0	5.4	49.3	5.7	33.3	4.3
Oct	2,156.8	5.4	1,152.1	5.4	173.4	4.7	79.3	4.8	360.9	5.9	1,308.1	5.3	254.5	4.9	71.1	5.7	81.8	5.1	47.6	6.1	32.7	4.4
Nov	2,157.2	4.8	1,160.8	4.5	171.2	4.4	80.1	5.2	356.5	5.7	1,316.8	4.5	252.4	4.4	70.8	5.2	83.4	4.8	45.2	6.8	32.1	4.5
Dec	2,165.9	4.5	1,169.5	4.1	169.4	4.0	80.7	4.9	357.4	5.3	1,325.6	4.2	252.6	4.1	68.4	5.4	84.9	4.8	43.5	7.6	33.5	NA
2006 Jan	2,153.1	4.9	1,163.0	4.5	167.0	4.0	81.1	5.5	356.0	5.4	1,318.7	4.6	250.3	4.1	66.8	6.4	84.7	5.8	42.4	9.4	34.2	NA
Feb	2,144.3	5.1	1,152.3	4.8	168.0	3.8	81.2	5.0	360.9	5.3	1,307.2	4.8	249.7	5.0	65.9	7.2	84.1	5.8	41.8	9.7	34.7	NA
Mar	2,143.1	5.2	1,149.3	4.8	170.5	3.8	81.4	4.9	364.1	5.3	1,304.2	4.9	249.1	5.5	66.3	6.5	83.5	6.1	41.7	9.1	34.1	NA
Apr	2,158.6	4.8	1,163.7	4.3	173.7	3.5	80.5	4.6	366.9	4.9	1,318.2	4.3	248.6	6.0	66.7	5.7	82.9	5.9	42.1	7.7	33.2	NA
May																						
Jun																						
Jul																						
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:	year-to-date averages are based on monthy actual data																					
Jan-Apr05	2,075.2	6.9	1,143.4	6.5	164.3	5.2	76.1	6.3	333.5	8.0	1,287.4	6.4	230.5	6.4	68.2	8.1	76.8	10.4	43.9	10.2	35.0	NA
Jan-Apr06	2,149.6	5.0	1,156.3	4.6	171.8	3.7	80.9	5.0	364.4	5.2	1,311.0	4.7	248.7	5.7	66.6	6.0	83.0	6.4	42.2	8.4	33.7	NA
% Change	3.6		1.1		4.5		6.3		9.3		1.8		7.9		-2.4		8.2		-3.8		-3.8	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		1,489.5		332.1		1,157.4		326.9	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	1,500.4	0.7	336.2	1.2	1,164.2	0.6	360.1	10.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	1,474.6	-1.7	333.7	-0.7	1,140.8	-2.0	383.8	6.6
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
	seasonally adjusted									
2005 Jan	2,102.4		1,697.9		367.2		1,330.7		404.5	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	1,694.3	-0.2	370.2	0.8	1,324.2	-0.5	408.8	1.1
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	1,689.6	-0.3	355.5	-4.0	1,334.0	0.7	414.9	1.5
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	1,702.7	0.8	365.5	2.8	1,337.2	0.2	414.2	-0.2
May	2,130.7	0.7	1,736.3	2.0	376.7	3.1	1,359.6	1.7	394.5	-4.8
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	1,717.8	-1.1	379.7	0.8	1,338.0	-1.6	406.0	2.9
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	1,708.9	-0.5	376.9	-0.7	1,332.0	-0.4	419.9	3.4
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	1,718.8	0.6	373.8	-0.8	1,345.0	1.0	418.1	-0.4
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	1,713.0	-0.3	368.8	-1.3	1,344.2	-0.1	419.3	0.3
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	1,715.4	0.1	367.7	-0.3	1,347.7	0.3	433.3	3.3
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	1,743.9	1.7	367.2	-0.1	1,376.7	2.2	425.1	-1.9
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	1,736.6	-0.4	368.8	0.4	1,367.8	-0.6	430.5	1.3
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	1,756.3	1.1	382.3	3.7	1,374.0	0.5	410.7	-4.6
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	1,767.1	0.6	372.8	-2.5	1,394.3	1.5	408.9	-0.4
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	1,772.5	0.3	382.1	2.5	1,390.5	-0.3	416.5	1.9
Apr	2,192.8	0.2	1,787.9	0.9	384.8	0.7	1,403.1	0.9	405.0	-2.8
May										
Jun										
Jul										
Aug										
Sep										
Oct										
Nov										
Dec										
Average:										
Jan-Apr05	2,106.7		1,696.1		364.6		1,331.5		410.6	
Jan-Apr06	2,181.2		1,771.0		380.5		1,390.5		410.3	
% Change	3.5		4.4		4.4		4.4		-0.1	

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Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Anne Kittredge at (250)387-0374 or Anne.Kittredge@gems6.gov.bc.ca.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC STATS on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations